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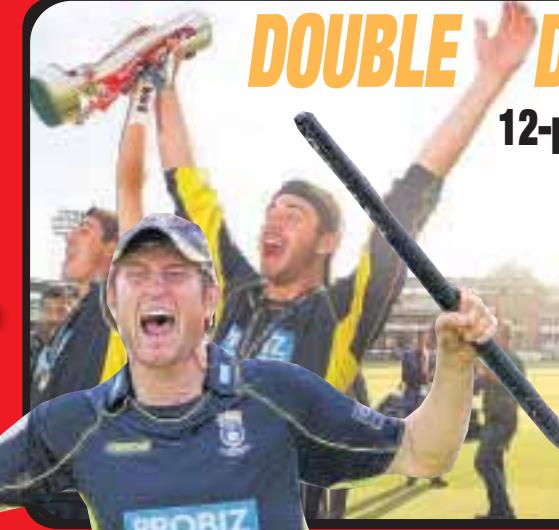
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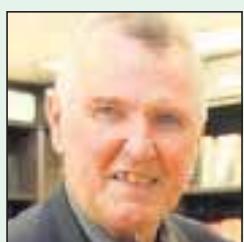
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off Kieron Clarke. But that would be harsh on Puncheon, who deserved his first goal in two-and-a-half years for his second-half contribution.

There ended 15 minutes that will live long in the memory of those lucky enough to be present.

But Saints were not finished there. Having replaced Puncheon with 15 minutes to go, Mayuka was a constant threat to deflated Villa.

The Zambian curled one effort narrowly wide of the far post after linking up well with Ramirez, who was a relentless threat, right up to the final whistle.

Both Puncheon and Steven Davis came off to standing ovations as Saints played their silkiest football of the season in the autumnal sunshine.

Shortly after coming on, young James Ward-Prowse threatened to get on the score-sheet with a header as Saints

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Following excellent work from Adam Lallana, Lambert's excellent first touch opened up the opportunity to beat Brad Guzan low to the Villa goalkeeper's right.

Lambert's third Premier League goal restored confidence to a Saints side that suddenly believed it had what it takes to succeed at the highest level following back-to-back promotions.

With Ramirez looking like a world-beater, who knows what could be possible.

At times, the Uruguayan looked step ahead of his teammates and was again involved in the build up that led to Clyne putting Saints ahead for the first time this season in the Premier League.

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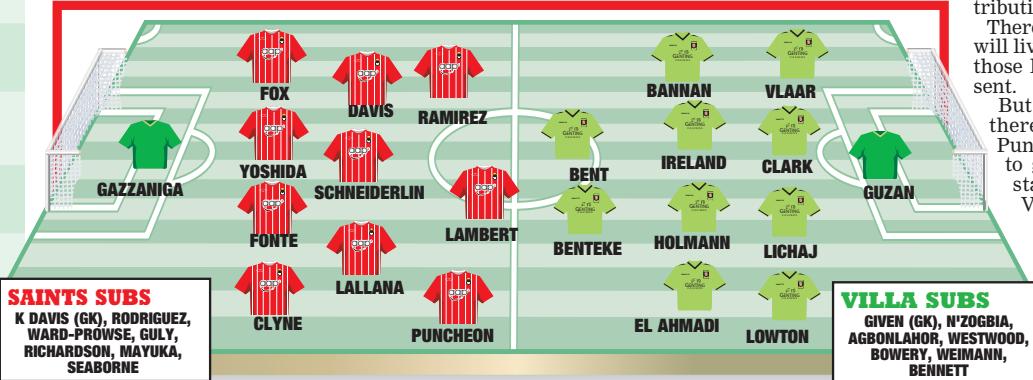
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**SAINTS SUBS**  
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WARD-PROWSE, GULY,  
RICHARDSON, MAYUKA,  
SEABORNE

**VILLA SUBS**  
GIVEN (GK), N'ZOGBIA,  
AGBONLAHOR, WESTWOOD,  
BOWERY, WEIMANN,  
BENNETT

FULL Premier League debuts were handed to Paulo Gazzaniga, Maya Yoshida and Gaston Ramirez by Saints boss Nigel Adkins.

Gazzaniga replaced Kelvin Davis, while the injured Jos Hooiveld at Stevenage but Ramirez was handed

**TEAM NEWS**  
made way for two of Adkins' other summer signings.

Gazzaniga's only other Saints outing was in the 4-1 win at Stevenage but Ramirez was handed

his first start since signing for a record £12m on deadline day three weeks ago.

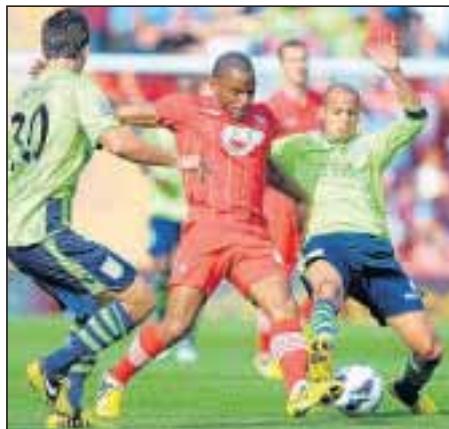
Japanese defender Yoshida came on as a 28th-minute replacement for Hooiveld in the 6-1 mauling at Arsenal.

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# Saints Spotlight

## THE DOUBLE AS ADKINS' MEN GET UP AND RUNNING

# FIRST AND VILLA ROUT



LEFT: Rickie Lambert celebrates making it 1-1 with Jason Puncheon.

ABOVE: Jason Puncheon battles for the ball with Karim El Ahmadi and Eric Lichaj.



SENT FLYING: Brad Guzan brings down Emmanuel Mayuka to give Saints a penalty.

knocked the ball about to cries of Ole from the ebullient home faithful.

Saints continued to toy with Villa during the four minutes of injury time and Lambert attempted to beat Guzan with a half-volley from more than 40 yards out.

Saints oozed confidence and Lambert soon grabbed his sec-

ond from the penalty spot to complete the scoring.

Mayuka's pace was too much for Guzan, who got away with a yellow card but had no chance with the penalty after committing the foul.

There was little doubt that Lambert would apply the coup de grace and he slammed in the spot kick with his trade-

mark ferocity.

It was the perfect end to the perfect second-half performance.

Saints had not played badly during the first half but they trailed at half-time through a defensive lapse in the 36th minute.

Darren Bent opened the scoring after some poor defending ten minutes before the interval.

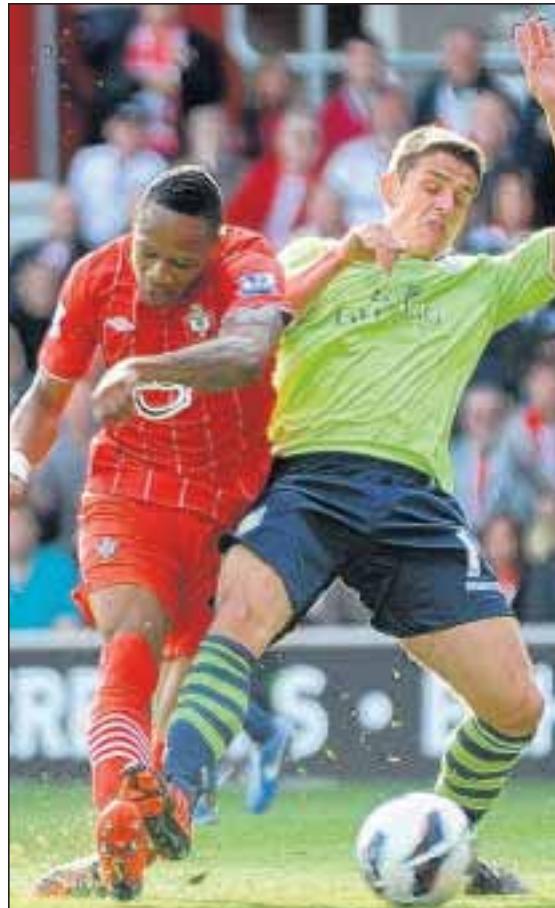
It was the last thing Saints needed after losing to Manchester City, Wigan, Manchester United and Arsenal in their opening four games.

They dominated possession during the opening 45 minutes, only for a mistake at the back cost them dear.

It felt like 'here we go again' for those who had seen Saints beaten 2-0 by Wigan last month, as Bent capitalised following Clyne's mistake.

Clyne, a summer signing from Crystal Palace, gave away possession to the impressive Stephen Ireland after tackling Christian Benteke, who was making his first Villa start.

No-one took responsibility for the loose ball and Bent had



LETTING FLY: Nathaniel Clyne makes it 2-1.

no hesitation in netting past Premier League debutant Paulo Gazzaniga.

But there were encouraging signs for Saints, even then Ramirez slotted in nicely behind Lambert, a burgeoning partnership that looked the real deal after the break.

Maya Yoshida also read the game well for the most part, while Jose Fonte did well enough during the first half.

But Danny Fox looked pedestrian at times, too often guilty of ball-watching, and it was no surprise when he was hauled off at half-time to be replaced by right-back Fraser Richardson.

Adkins did a great job at half-time, when he would have been feeling the pressure more than anyone.

Clyne switched to left back to accommodate Richardson and Saints played a higher line in the second half.

It proved too much for Villa, who were bereft of ideas as Saints ran riot. They were fluid, decisive and full of flair after the interval.

They upped the tempo and soon grew in confidence.

### Adkins hails Ramirez impact

NIGEL Adkins described Rickie Lambert and Gaston Ramirez as "mouthwatering" after the sensational 4-1 win against Aston Villa.

Adkins said: "Rickie and Gaston was a mouthwatering combination. Gaston's been outstanding since he's joined us. You could see the players' eyes light up at his first training session.

"He'll run back and chase, he can link up play, he has great movement and is a joy to watch. Rickie gave their centre halves all sorts of problems, we excited our supporters and Maya Yoshida had an outstanding game against the two physical presences that Villa had up front. He was calm and collected all afternoon.

"We showed great character in the second half, we put in a really good performance. Everyone has seen we want to pass the ball. We created opportunities and took opportunities we created."



ABOVE: Nathaniel Clyne celebrates making it 2-1 with Gaston Ramirez.



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# Premiership Spotlight



## Ashley's on target

**Chelsea 1 Stoke 0**

ASHLEY Cole scored his first goal in over two years as Chelsea finally broke down brave Stoke resistance at Stamford Bridge to claim a 1-0 win and retain pole position in the Barclays Premier League.

Cole, who last scored against Wigan in May 2010, lifted an 85th-minute winner over visiting goalkeeper Asmir Begovic after the ball had been knocked into the box by Juan Mata.

Cole's winner was tough on Stoke who had defended doggedly and had chances themselves with Marc Wilson testing Petr Cech from long range and Jonathan Walters and Matthew Etherington both firing wide. But Roberto Di Matteo's men also looked dangerous, with Oscar twice being denied by the excellent Potters goalkeeper.

## Long's the provider

**West Brom 1 Reading 0**

WEST Brom coach Steve Clarke left out leading scorer Shane Long against his former club and saw his replacement Romelu Lukaku net a second-half winner against Reading at the Hawthorns.

But it needed the second half introduction of three-goal Long to tee up the winner for on-loan Chelsea striker Lukaku in his first Barclays Premier League start for the Baggies.

Victory enabled Albion to complete a trio of wins in their opening three home fixtures of a top flight campaign for the first time in 58 years.

# Moyes: Everton can

**Swansea 0 Everton 3**

**EVERTON** manager David Moyes feels his side can challenge the Premier League big boys after watching them ease to a 3-0 victory over Swansea at the Liberty Stadium.

Goals from Victor Anichebe, Kevin Mirallas and Marouane Fellaini gave the Toffees a comprehensive victory and extended their record of having never lost to Swansea.

The win also continued Everton's fine start to the season and moved them up into second in the table.

Starting a season well has proved to be a problem for the Merseysiders, who host Saints in a week's time, over recent campaigns, but hopes are high among the Everton faithful this time round, as exemplified by their chants of "We're going to win the league" during the dying embers of the contest.

Moyes stopped short of predicting a title challenge or Champions League qualification, but is confi-



**GET IN:** Marouane Fellaini heads in Everton's third in his side's 3-0 win at Swansea.

dent his side can mix it with the sides at the top of the table.

"It was great to hear the fans singing that as we have not heard it often at Everton," he said.

"If we had won midweek against Newcastle as we should have done,

we could have been mixing it with the big boys, which we are still doing and we want to be doing at the end of the season.

"We have finished a lot of seasons strongly and the one year we got off to a good start we qualified for the

Champions League and we have to do that if we can.

"We will probably finish where most people would predict and we will try and do that and we will do better if we can."

Moyes also praised the perfor-

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with Saints legend  
**Matt LeTissier**



THE new football season is under way and every team is looking to get the edge that will win them the silver. Not every squad can afford to buy the skills of an Adam Lallana or a Rickie Lambert, or the coaching know-how of a Nigel Adkins.

But every team in any league can dream. Which is why the *Daily Echo* has teamed up with popular airline Flybe to offer the chance for one lucky squad to win the services of footballing legend Matt Le Tissier to coach their squad in a once-in-a-lifetime soccer masterclass.

The Saints legend recently launched his own coaching school with fellow Southampton FC hero Franni Benali.

But it is also in Le Tissier's role as a Flybe Ambassador that he has teamed up with the *Daily Echo* to help one local team obtain that winning edge to help them sweep the opposition from the field.

As well as the training session with Matt, the lucky team will win special Flybe sportsbags to carry their kit with pride.

And the names of all the people who provide the nominations go into the hat for a draw with one lucky person winning return tickets to a flybe destination of your choice from Southampton for two.

To be in with a chance to Win Matt all your team has to do is to write to us and tell us why they deserve to get a little extra help with their game.

It may be that the defence is lacking, the strikers need to find that extra va-va-voom, the goalie is fed up of picking the ball out of the back of the net – for the 15th time in a game.

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Perhaps its that your team always makes the final but then misses out. Or there are hearts of lions in the squad, but the team just doesn't find its roar. Or the team want to play and win the game for a special reason.

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# Premiership Spotlight

# get a top four spot

mance of Anichebe, as the striker found the net for the second successive game and turned in a powerful display in place of the injured Nikica Jelavic.

Anichebe's pace and physicality was a constant thorn in the side of the Swansea defence and Moyes said: "He did okay in midweek against Newcastle as well and did not get the credit he deserved for his goal and the one that should have been. We are playing with confidence and he is contributing well."

"He does not possess an awful lot of self-confidence but if he gets that and has a bit of belief he is a handful for defenders as he has a lot of attributes that are difficult to deal with in the modern game."

Swansea played a part in their own downfall with a sloppy opening half-hour from which they were fortunate to emerge just a goal down.

Having found a foothold in the game they were ruthlessly hit on the counter for Mirallas' goal, as Everton strung together a superb move which started in their own right-hand corner with Phil Neville, Steven Pienaar and Fellaini combining brilliantly.

Angel Rangel and Ki Sung-yueng went close to pulling a goal back but

Nathan Dyer's dismissal for a second yellow card just 12 minutes after coming on at half-time effectively ended their hopes.

But Laudrup made no excuses, declaring the display the worst since he took over.

He said: "I have to say Everton deserved the win, they were better than us."

"We were disappointing in the first 30 minutes and we gave away a lot of fouls, they had five or six free-kicks in the first 10 minutes and we played too slow and the first 30 minutes laid the ground work for the defeat."

"We can learn from this. We were 2-0 down and had a good reaction, but the first 30 minutes was very disappointing, the worst we have been this season until now."

Ex-Saints Dyer had already been booked for dissent when he clumsily caught Leighton Baines. Laudrup had no issues with the decision but felt the winger had been "unlucky".

He said: "The second yellow was a little unlucky, Nathan went to kick the ball, he missed the ball and in the same movement kicked his opponent but it was a yellow card and you can't say anything about it."



OFF: Ex-Saints Nathan Dyer leaves the field after being given a red card against Everton.



## Kev's late leveller

### West Ham 1 Sunderland 1

STEVEN Fletcher scored his fourth goal in three appearances for Sunderland but it was not enough to claim three points for the Black Cats as West Ham snatched a late 1-1 draw at Upton Park.

Fletcher finished off a fine Sebastian Larsson cross in the ninth minute and came close to a second soon afterwards when his effort in the box was blocked by James Collins.

Sam Allardyce's men poured on the pressure in the second half as they searched for an equaliser.

Both Ricardo Vaz Te and Kevin Nolan went close to levelling before Nolan volleyed the equaliser in injury time from a header down by substitute Modibo Maiga.

## Rodallega's return

### Wigan 1 Fulham 2

HUGO Rodallega came back to haunt his former club as he netted the opener for Fulham in a 2-1 win against Wigan at the DW Stadium.

Rodallega's 31st-minute header set Fulham on their way to three points and Damien Duff slotted home to make it 2-0 on 68 minutes.

Arouna Kone netted an injury-time consolation for the hosts.



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# Script writers take a day off

**SAINTS** season ticket holder Joe McIndoe has spent the past week on work experience with the Southern Daily Echo sports desk.

Here, Joe writes about his trip to The Emirates last weekend.

## The poor, the bad and downright ugly

THE fourth goal goes in and it's all over. The game is lost, the script is written, and we're only 37 minutes into the match.

That sadly sums up my day at The Emirates, a day that promised so much but that delivered so very little.

The day had started with much optimism, a hearty breakfast in one hand and a confident pride that we could take on the big guns and do what many said couldn't be done.

We had almost done it twice before, after all.

The beautiful play showcased at St Mary's just a few weeks previous had proven Southampton could match the likes of Manchester United.

The likes of Adam Lallana, Nathaniel Clyne and even Jason Puncheon made the Red Devils look decidedly ordinary.

As we all know, football can be a cruel game.

There would be no Hollywood ending that time around.

But maybe those scriptwriters had other plans.

Maybe, as in Rocky II, after narrowly being defeated our heroes could rise to the top and be the best... well, at least for a day.

It seems those scriptwriters took the day off because our plucky underdog triumph story quickly turned in to a horror episode that would make The Exorcist look like a Saturday morning cartoon.



**HORROR STORY:** Nathaniel Clyne challenges Lucas Podolski last weekend.

After giving Arsenal the freedom of the park, and showing a severe lack of defensive determination and awareness, Southampton found themselves being hurried and harassed for balls they usually play with such confidence.

One of the lowlights of the day, for which there are many, was seeing Lucas Podolski muscle off not one but two defenders and then, to my horror, see the ball nestle in our own goal.

To make matters worse, I discover that it was in fact Jos Hooiveld deflecting the ball into the net, with what otherwise would have been a perfectly respectable finish from close range.

There are at least a few crumbs of comfort.

Danny did at least prove to be the Fox in the box, scoring his first goal in the red-and-white ranks, capitalising on what was without doubt dreadful goalkeeping.

Nigel Atkins' men should be commended for their resolve in the second half, showing some attacking intent.

In no small part thanks to new signing Gaston Ramirez, who linked up well with the players around him. A preview, we hope, of things to come.

Despite the abject performance from the starting 11, there was one man who can hold his head high.

That was none other than 17-year-old James Ward-Prowse who, while chaos unfolded around him, showed remarkable calm on the ball.

Barely putting a foot wrong, he is almost certainly one to watch.

If the last few games have taught us anything, it's that there are sure to be highs, lows and much in between. It's safe to say that football this season, as a song once said, will provide 'a roller coaster kind of rush'.

# BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

**It's been a week where, if we're honest, Saints have taken a bit of a battering both on and off the pitch.**

Losing 6-1 at Arsenal was way beyond what any of us had expected.

Battling defeats against Manchester City and United had given us hope that, despite the obvious gulf in experience and, indeed, class, Saints had enough talent and spirit to survive in this league.

A comprehensive defeat at The Emirates has put a massive dent in our confidence.

It didn't take long for the 'Adkins out' brigade to show their colours and break rank.

In no time at all, the likes of Harry Redknapp and Rafa Benitez were mentioned as possible targets as the tabloid media went into overdrive.

It may just be me, but what sort of world do we live in where any Saints fan could possibly think of accepting Redknapp back at this club?

I'm currently in Leeds and it's interesting to see how folk north of the M27 view the rivalry between us and the rabble down the road.

It would seem that no matter what team you support or where you are, there are certain boundaries you just don't cross.

Going from one rival to another is one of those boundaries.

I'm not so naïve or foolish to expect loyalty from footballers/managers these days.

Football is a business and often the move from one club to another can be just too tempting.

When you're not a fan of that club, it's virtually impossible to expect the same level of loyalty you would get from a fan.

I get that.

What I don't get is any Saints fan contemplating Redknapp back at this club. For me it's tantamount to your wife leaving you for your best friend, rubbing your nose in it and then, when she's been dumped and then dumped again, knocking on your door expecting to be taken back... without actually apologising.

What Redknapp did was just about the worst thing any manager can do.

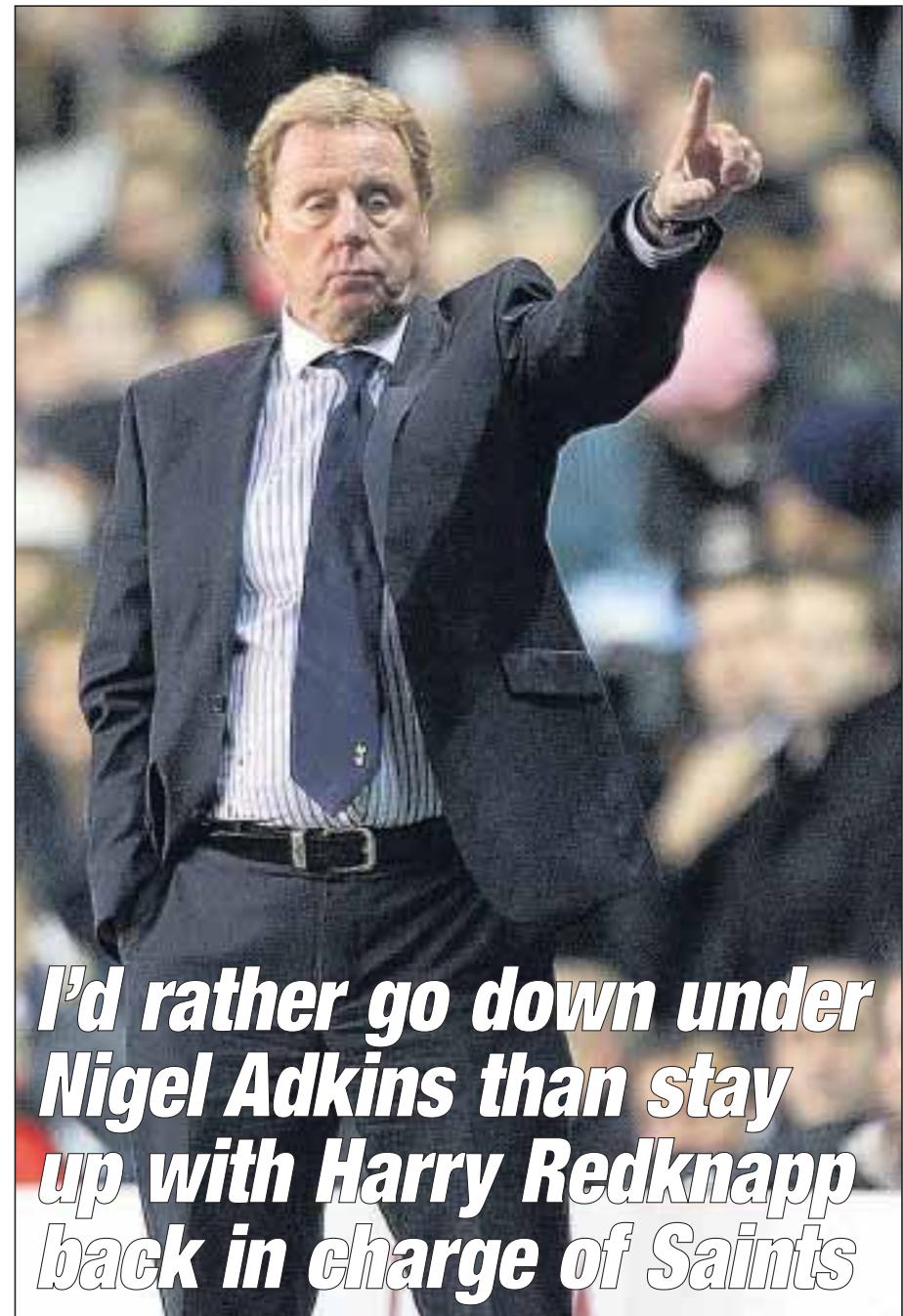
As a neutral, I looked at Alex McLeish and how he jumped ship from Birmingham to Aston Villa and felt a similar twinge of disappointment.

There was a manager who had it all; yes, he'd taken Birmingham down but he'd also won them their first bit of silverware in ages.

He would no doubt be given time and a decent Championship budget to take them back up again and certainly had the backing of the fans.

Just why he'd left City for Villa will remain one of life's great mysteries.

The same can't be said of Redknapp as he'd won nothing and had virtually talked us down all that season, but the fans had faith that he could take us back up. To leave us to



## *I'd rather go down under Nigel Adkins than stay up with Harry Redknapp back in charge of Saints*

rejoin Pompey was unforgivable.

To keep them up, after taking us down, just rubbed lemon juice on the paper cut.

In my own, very humble opinion, I'd rather see Saints relegated under Adkins than kept up under Redknapp.

You may think me slightly bonkers but that's how I feel.

In Nigel Adkins, we've found the right man for this club.

Everything about him just seems right to me. It's a case of right place, right time, right man.

Are we really that shallow and desperate for "success" that we'd contemplate dumping him at the first sign of failure?

I may be way off the mark, and may well spark a flurry of letters from Saints fans across the land, but I'm just not

sure I'd feel that getting rid of Nigel Adkins is the honourable thing to do.

I may be stark raving mad to even contemplate relegation rather than staying up under Redknapp, but that's just me.

We've had the most remarkable ride on Nigel's bus: we've seen the best football in years at St Mary's, watching Saints win silverware (without owing the taxpayers to do so) and sweep to two astonishing promotions in successive seasons.

It's been an absolute blast and I know I'm not overstating this when I say that I've not seen Saints so dominant and so stylish in achieving all this.

I'm not going to soil those memories by discarding Adkins at the first opportunity.

When Liverpool were allegedly looking at Adkins as their

manager, Saints fans in their thousands wailed that he was our manager and how he would be loyal to us.

He was.

Now, after a start that by anyone's stretch of the imagination is daunting, his ability is being questioned.

Manchester City, Manchester United and Arsenal in our first four games, what were we thinking?

Mid-table? Six points? One point? Any points?

Our start was always going to be hard, but it's in times like this that we find out what we, as fans, are made of.

I like Nigel Adkins, I trust Nigel Adkins, I believe in Nigel Adkins.

Our season started this weekend against Aston Villa. Let's get behind our man...

# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



## Arsenal exit for Theo?

IT was disappointing to see Theo Walcott left out of Arsenal's starting line up against Champions League debutants Montpellier.

Arsenal recorded a winning start.

Although an early penalty ruffled the Gunners' feathers, they quickly hit back through Lukas Podolski and Gervinho to secure their sixth win in 16 Champions League group phase away

games. But Theo, pictured left, did not start and has not done since the opening day 0-0 draw against Sunderland.

His contract expires at the end of the season but negotiations have reached an impasse if reports are correct.

If he does not put pen to paper team selection may continue to be a problem but he will be entitled to sign a lucrative pre-contract agreement

with another club in January.

He had a lukewarm reception from Arsenal fans when he came on against Saints last Saturday.

But at least there was a compliment for Southampton's academy from Arsene Wenger: "I don't know how they manage it, but Theo and Alex both have their feet on the ground," said Arsenal's manager.

**APPEAL:** Everton's Victor Anichebe after his 'goal' was ruled out by the linesman in his side's clash with Newcastle.



## Technology has to be embraced

### IT was a pulsating start to midweek football.

Everton v Newcastle was full of entertainment and controversy: the home side cruelly denied victory by two poor decisions – a tight offside that infuriated the Goodison Park crowd and a clear ball over Newcastle's goal-line.

Newcastle were completely outplayed in the first half and Alan Pardew's controversial decision to leave Demba Ba on

the bench has not gone down well with the Magpies supporters or the player himself.

When he was introduced in the second half, his goalscoring instinct turned the game in Newcastle's favour.

His two goals brought his tally to 19, including 17 from last season. Add these to his seven in 12 starts for West Ham and he is clearly a finisher of note.

But the 27 year-old is frustrated with his current role and talks over a new contract have

come to a halt.

It had been thought that his £7m buy-out clause expired on July 31 but it's been revealed that it is still active in the New Year, making Newcastle vulnerable to bids in January if the situation continues.

I feel Newcastle may lose him with his agent's comments that his player "does not understand the management at the club" stirring the pot.

Victor Anichebe's goal left

Everton wondering what they had to do to get three points. The disputed incident rekindled the argument for goal-line technology.

FIFA cleared its use for competitive matches as late as July 5, leaving the Premier League little time to introduce it.

The two approved systems are finalising tests in Japan during a club tournament in December.

I expect the Premier League to introduce it as soon as it is possible.

## City's missed opportunity

LEADING 2-1 in the Bernabeu with five minutes to go, a famous win against the Spanish champions looked there for the taking.

Manchester City certainly won't get a better chance of gaining three points away to Real Madrid!

Trailing Barcelona by eight points, Jose Mourinho's side has got off to a bad start in La Liga and one suspects the league is over for them.

But their substitutes allowed them to get a foothold against City. Ozil, Modric and Benzema put extra pressure on a defence beginning to wilt and it was no surprise when Ronaldo, pictured, scored the winner – his 39th goal in the Champions League.

The Bernabeu crowd was ecstatic at their comeback and I have never seen Mourinho so relieved to win a match. His celebratory slide, in his best suit, must have brought a smile to his tail!

If they held on for victory they would have joined Arsenal (2006) and Liverpool (2009) as English clubs to have won at the Bernabeu in recent years.

## Oscar seems the real deal

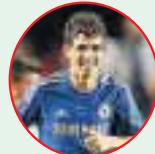
YOU get what you pay for and Chelsea will get full value for their purchase of Oscar on the evidence of his performance against Juventus.

The Brazilian, pictured below, has just turned 21 and gave a glimpse of what Chelsea can expect with his two goals against a very good Juventus team. His second was out of the top drawer, a sumptuous 25-yard curler that evaded Buffon and put Chelsea in command.

It was a goal made in Brazil. Oscar caught my attention at the Olympics and while all the attention was on Eden Hazard, it was Oscar who I was dying to see.

His form the other night suggests a golden future. As for the Old Lady, they showed plenty of quality in rescuing a point that extended their unbeaten run to a remarkable 43 matches.

They look a solid outfit that could go all the way.



# Saints Spotlight



## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13



### AUGUST

Sun 19 Man City ..... A  
 Sat 20 Wigan ..... H  
 Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 1) .. A  
 Sat 29 Everton ..... A

L 2-3 K Davis  
 L 0-2 K Davis  
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 Reeves\* 1

S Davis\*\* 1  
 Sharp\*\*  
 Chambers\*\*

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 Hoskins\*\*\*

### SEPTEMBER

Sun 2 Man United ..... H  
 Sat 15 Arsenal ..... A  
 Sat 22 Aston Villa ..... H  
 Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 2) .. H  
 Sat 29 Everton ..... A

L 2-3 K Davis  
 L 1-6 K Davis

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### OCTOBER

Sun 7 Fulham ..... H  
 Sat 20 West Ham ..... A

Sun 28 Tottenham ..... H

### NOVEMBER

Mon 5 West Brom ..... A  
 Sat 10 Swansea ..... H  
 Sat 17 QPR ..... A  
 Sun 25 Newcastle ..... H  
 Weds 28 Norwich ..... H

### DECEMBER

Sat 1 Liverpool ..... A  
 Sat 8 Reading ..... H  
 Sat 22 Sunderland ..... H  
 Weds 26 Fulham ..... A  
 Sat 29 Stoke ..... A

### JANUARY

Tues 1 Arsenal ..... H  
 Sat 12 Aston Villa ..... A  
 Sat 19 Everton ..... H  
 Weds 30 Man United ..... A

### FEBRUARY

Sat 2 Wigan ..... A  
 Sat 9 Man City ..... H  
 Sat 23 Newcastle ..... A

### MARCH

Sat 2 QPR ..... H  
 Sat 9 Norwich ..... A  
 Sat 16 Liverpool ..... H  
 Sat 20 Chelsea ..... H

### APRIL

Sat 6 Reading ..... A  
 Sat 13 West Ham ..... H  
 Sat 20 Swansea ..... A  
 Sat 27 West Brom ..... H

### MAY

Sat 4 Tottenham ..... A  
 Sun 12 Sunderland ..... A  
 Sun 19 Stoke ..... H

**-- QUOTES OF THE WEEK -- -- QUOTES OF THE WEEK --**

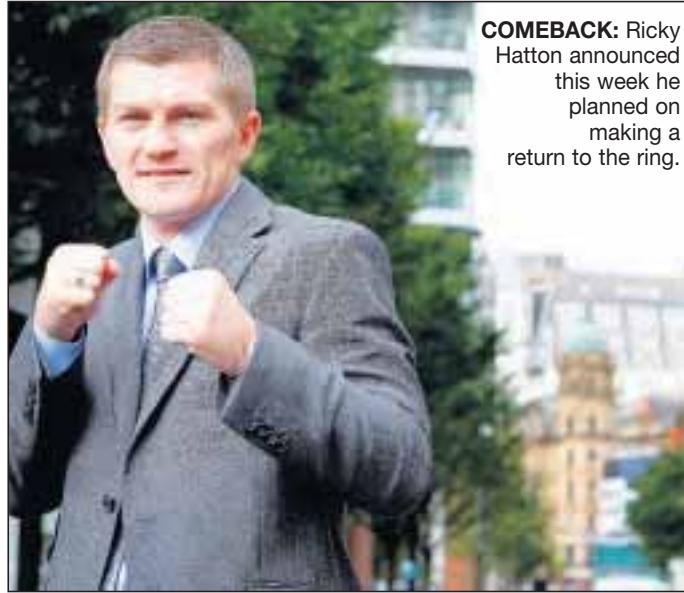
# 'I don't want people to see how I flushed my life away'

"I don't want people telling my kids that I blew it. I want my kids to be able to say, 'He was a world champion, he had his problems, but my dad did he bounce back'. I want people to be proud of me again. I want British sport, my kids and my fans and my friends to be proud of me. I had my problems but I'm over that now and I want people to look at me in a different light. I don't want people to see how I flushed my life away" - **Ricky Hatton explains his reasons for attempting a comeback.**

"The handshake is part of the Respect campaign and we all fully support that. It's done fantastic work and is to be commended. But maybe this part of showing respect is fundamentally flawed. Should there be a discussion in terms of how we show respect? Is this the best way to do that? It's open to debate and that's why I was asking about it at the Premier League meeting. Maybe after the match would be better" - **QPR boss Mark Hughes gives his view on the pre-match handshake.**

"He went there for five days, he worked with the physio. The Argentina manager wanted him there. This is a stupid rule because if we had a player who is injured for two weeks it is better he stays here" - **Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini criticises FIFA rules after Sergio Aguero was called up to Argentina's squad despite being injured.**

"It's six defeats in a row. It's embar-



**COMEBACK:** Ricky Hatton announced this week he planned on making a return to the ring.

racing to illustrate Manchester City's chances against Real Madrid.

"The principal person responsible is me. When my teams win, we win together, and when we lose, I am the one responsible" - **Real Madrid boss Jose Mourinho.**

"I will feel powerless, but sometimes I have that feeling on the bench anyway" - **Arsene Wenger explains how he feels about his latest UEFA touchline ban.**

"It's a modern-day footballing tragedy. We've taken on the Kings of Savile Row, if you like, and we've taken the game to them, and to a certain degree we have played the better football" - **Barnsley boss Keith Hill expresses his disappointment after Barnsley's harsh 2-1 defeat at Blackburn.**

"You know when you take the job, you're dead. All you can hope is that you can enjoy that time on your death bed and that when you're resurrected a few years later, people say 'you know, he wasn't that bad'" - **Roy Hodgson on the pressures of the England job. It could be worse though...**

"I've had a go at playing handball in Sweden, but I wouldn't recommend it unless you're six foot four and as wide as a door. The goalkeeper's got the best job in the world, getting smashed in the face with the ball" - **Hodgson's role is still preferable to that of a handball goalkeeper.**

rassing now and we have to do something about it. We go through things in training time and time again. If they don't want to listen to it then they won't play. We've looked at the loan market. I'll talk to the chairman. And I've got other bodies in the building that can start" - **Peterborough boss Darren Ferguson leaves his defence in little doubt as to his anger over the 5-2 loss to Burnley.**

"If you drive a Ferrari you can win, if you drive a Fiat Cinquecento, probably not" - **Roberto Mancini goes motor**

"John seems to be unbelievably strong in his own penalty box, but in the opposition box he's like a 12-year-old schoolgirl" - **QPR defender Ryan Nelsen laughs off penalty claims after his challenge on Chelsea captain John Terry.**

"If you drive a Ferrari you can win, if you drive a Fiat Cinquecento, probably not" - **Roberto Mancini goes motor**

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PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	1	0	1	0	DAN SEABORNE	0	0	1	0	36(15)	0	JAY RODRIGUEZ	2(2)	0	0	0	2(2)	0
CODY CROPPER	0	0	0	0	0	0	STEVE DE RIDDER	0	0	0	0	10(27)	4	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	4	0	0	0	4	0	RICHARD CHAPLOW	0	0	1	0	48(11)	5	GASTON RAMIREZ	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	1	0	49(4)	0	DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11	BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
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# Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

# FANS TURN ON BOSS GROVES

**BELEAGUERED** Cherries boss Paul Groves came under heavy fire from travelling supporters following today's hammering at the County Ground.

The manager was subjected to prolonged chants of "we want Groves out" during the second half as Cherries crashed to a 4-0 reverse at the hands of the rampant Robins.

Swindon coasted to victory thanks to two goals from Cherries transfer target Matt Ritchie and efforts from Andy Williams and Adam Rooney.

James Collins went close to drawing first blood for the Robins when he prodded wide following a cross from Williams after just 90 seconds.

Cherries fashioned their first

## Swindon 4 Cherries 0

shooting chance after five minutes when Eunan O'Kane let fly with a 25-yard piledriver, his effort flashing past the upright.

The hosts opened the scoring through Ritchie in the 12th minute, the winger rifling an unstoppable left-foot drive past Shwan Jalal after Cherries had squandered possession cheaply.

Ritchie dragged another presentable opening past the post after 16 minutes before Miles Addison headed narrowly wide following an O'Kane corner.

The Robins doubled their lead midway through the first half when an unmarked Williams nodded Gary Roberts's precision cross past Jalal from close range.

Cherries' clearest chance of the opening period fell to Matt Tubbs

on the stroke of half-time when the striker burst through and only had Wes Foderingham to beat.

However, the goalkeeper dived full-length to his right to parry the shot.

Josh Wakefield, one of two half-time substitutes used by Groves, fired into the arms of Foderingham at the start of the second half before Roberts hooked a shot over at the opposite end.

Jalal saved with his legs after Williams had taken aim with an angled drive, Alan Navarro blazing the loose ball high over the crossbar.

Jalal raced off his line to beat Swindon substitute Adam Rooney to a poor backpass from Addison before Tubbs fluffed his lines at the far post after Josh McQuoid had picked him out.

Cherries fell further behind midway through the second half when Ritchie added his second and Town's third, the winger's free-kick from near the touchline creeping in at Jalal's far post.

And a miserable day for the visitors was completed when Rooney turned in a cross from Jay McEveley five minutes from time.

**Cherries (4-4-2):** Jalal, Cook, Elphick, Addison, Daniels, Fogden (Wakefield, h-t), Partington, O'Kane, McDermott (McQuoid, h-t), Grabban, Tubbs.

**Unused subs:** Zubar, Thomas, Meades, Fletcher, Buchel (g/k).

**Booked:** Daniels.

**Robins:** (4-4-2): Foderingham, Thompson, Ward, McCormack, McEveley, Ritchie, Miller, Navarro (Ferry, 67), Roberts, Collins (A Rooney, 53), Williams.

**Unused subs:** Archibald-Henville, Benson, Bessone, Coke, Bedwell (g/k).

**Booked:** McCormack.

# Three defeats on the spin for Blues

## N County 3 Pompey 0

thorn in the side of the Pompey defence and he tested Pompey keeper Mikkel Anderson with a stinging shot on the half hour and fired narrowly over on the stroke of half time.

Just after the break Judge got the goal his persistence deserved, Arquin turning provider as the Irishman doubled the Magpies' tally.

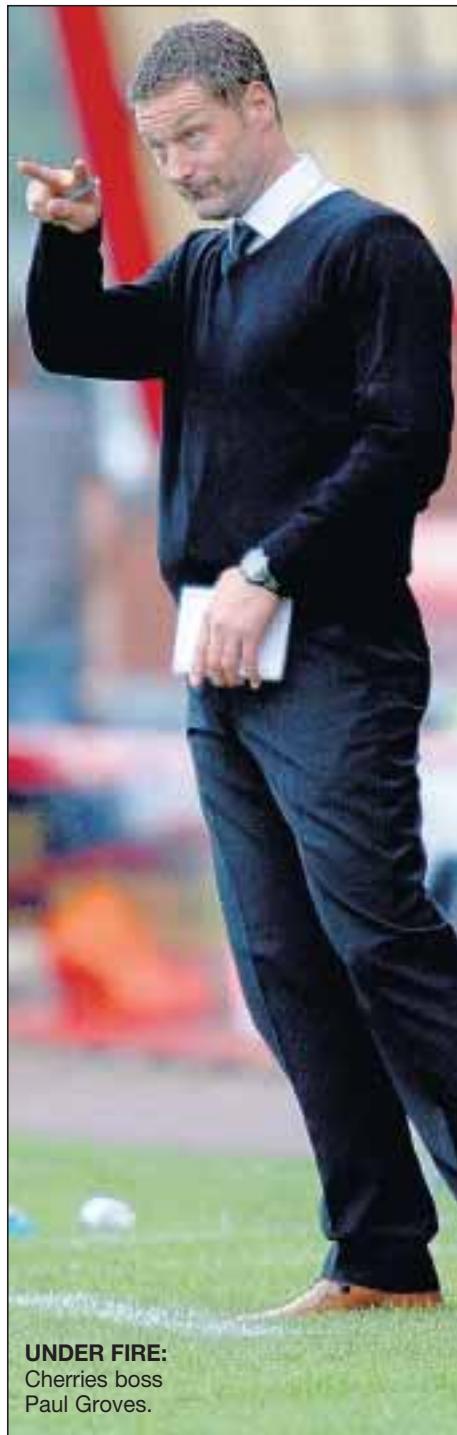
And the pair linked up again on 56 minutes as Judge's ball was turned home by Frenchman Arquin from inside the six-yard box to make it 3-0.

**PORTRUSH** slipped to their third successive league defeat with a 3-0 loss at Notts County today and with it slipped into the League 1 relegation zone.

Michael Appleton's side got off to a horror start at Meadow Lane, going behind in the fifth minute when Yoann Arquin fired home from close range after good work out wide from Alan Judge.

Brian Howard carved out Pompey's first chance - his shot from outside the box whistling just wide of ex-Saint Bartoz Bialkowski's right post, but the visitors rarely threatened the home goal thereafter. Judge was a constant

presence in the Notts County



### UNDER FIRE:

Cherries boss Paul Groves.

## PORTRUSH FIXTURES 2012/13

### AUGUST

- 14 Plymouth, A (CC) .....L 0-3
- 18 Bournemouth, H .....D 1-1
- McLeod
- 21 Colchester, A .....D 2-2
- Rodgers, Obita
- 25 Carlisle, A .....L 2-4
- Harris, Clifford

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Oldham, H .....L 0-1
- 4 Bournemouth, H (JPT) .....D 2-2
- Won 4-3 on pens
- Rodgers, Howard
- 8 Crawley Town, A .....W 3-0

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Brentford .....(H)
- 10 Bury .....(A)
- 17 Doncaster .....(H)
- 20 Leyton Orient .....(H)
- 24 Coventry .....(A)

### DECEMBER

- 8 Tranmere .....(A)
- 15 Preston .....(H)
- 22 Hartlepool .....(A)
- 26 Crawley Tn .....(H)
- 29 Yeovil .....(H)

### JANUARY

- 1 Swindon .....(A)
- 5 Walsall .....(A)
- 12 Notts County .....(H)
- 19 Scunthorpe .....(A)
- 26 Hartlepool .....(H)
- 1 Tranmere .....(H)
- 6 Stevenage .....(H)
- 13 Brentford .....(A)
- 23 Oldham .....(A)
- 26 MK Dons .....(H)
- 2 Colchester .....(H)
- 9 Bournemouth .....(A)
- 16 Carlisle .....(H)
- 23 Shrewsbury .....(A)
- 27 Shrewsbury .....(A)
- 2 Crewe .....(A)

### APRIL

## CHERRIES FIXTURES 2012/13

### AUGUST

- 14 Oxford U, A (CC) .....D 0-0
- Lost on penalties
- 18 Portsmouth, A .....D 1-1
- Barnard
- 21 MK Dons, H .....D 1-1
- Grabban
- 25 Preston, H .....D 1-1
- Elphick

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sheff Utd, A .....L 3-5
- Barnard, Elphick, Pugh
- 4 Pompey, A (JPT) .....D 2-2
- Lost 4-3 on pens
- MacDonald 2
- 8 Yeovil, A .....W 1-0
- Hughes
- 15 Hartlepool H .....D 1-1
- Tubbs
- 18 Brentford H .....D 2-2
- Tubbs, Daniels
- 22 Swindon .....L 0-4
- 29 Walsall .....(H)

### OCTOBER

- 2 Crawley Town .....(A)
- 6 Coventry .....(A)
- 13 Leyton Orient .....(H)
- 20 Tranmere .....(H)
- 23 Notts County .....(A)
- 27 Carlisle .....(A)

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Shrewsbury .....(H)
- 10 Doncaster .....(A)
- 17 Oldham .....(H)
- 20 Stevenage .....(H)
- 24 Bury .....(A)

### DECEMBER

- 8 Scunthorpe .....(A)
- 15 Colchester .....(H)
- 22 Crewe .....(A)
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### JANUARY

- 1 Brentford .....(A)
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- 12 Swindon .....(H)
- 19 Walsall .....(A)
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### FEBRUARY

- 2 MK Dons .....(A)
- 9 Portsmouth .....(H)
- 16 Preston .....(A)
- 23 Sheff Utd .....(H)
- 26 Coventry .....(H)

### MARCH

- 2 Leyton Orient .....(A)
- 9 Doncaster .....(H)
- 12 Stevenage .....(A)
- 16 Oldham .....(A)
- 23 Bury .....(H)
- 30 Colchester .....(A)

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# Non-league Action

**FA CUP 2nd Qual Round: Fareham 0 Blackfield & Langley 2**

# Vickers' men make history

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**NON-LEAGUE REPORTER**

**BUOYANT** Blackfield & Langley are the pride of Waterside after reaching the FA Cup third qualifying round for the first time in their history.

Two first half Ekow Elliott goals were enough to settle this afternoon's all-Sydenhams Premier clash 2-0 at Fareham Town.

Fareham opened keenly with Ashley Tattersall charging down a defender and bursting into the box where he was firmly dispossessed inside a matter of seconds.

But it was Blackfield who took the lead just three minutes in when Matt Burt conceded a free kick on the edge of the box and ELLIOTT flighted the ball beautifully into the far top corner.

Elliott had another opportunity in the ninth minute when Jake Rowley threaded the ball to him inside the area, but this time his touch deserted him and he blasted over.

On 15 minutes some slack Fareham play allowed Nathan Lynch to burst down the left and James Roden was booked for clumsily bringing him down.

Lynch then earned his side another free kick, this time fouled by Kieron Lewis on the right, but the home defended Dave Ewen's delivery well.

Fareham came into it just after the 20-minute mark, testing Blackfield's aerial resolve with a spate of set-pieces.

But the Watersiders immediately broke down the other end and scored a second on 26 minutes.

Some intricate passing on the left eventually saw the ball come to Paul Preston, who teed up ELLIOTT to side-foot home from close range.

Fareham responded in determined fashion with Wayne Boud forcing ex-Saint Academy keeper Steve Mowthorpe to turn his 30-yard free kick round the post and then flinging a back-post delivery to Graham Lindsey, who headed wide.

The home side continued to



**ON TARGET:**

Blackfield and Langley's two-goal hero Ekow Elliott on the ball.

press and had a few optimistic penalty shouts waved away. But they always looked vulnerable to the counter-attack.

On 42 minutes Preston went tearing down the left for Blackfield and forced yet another free kick. Ewen knocked it back to Kane Daysh but his delivery was easily gathered by Luke Douglas in the home goal.

Fareham sent on Danny Thompson and Rob Pittman at the start of the second half and immediately went close, forcing a goal-line clearance from a corner.

Four players – two from each side – were then booked in the wake of a pushing match that erupted in front of the Blackfield dugout.

When an increasingly tetchy cup tie finally settled down, Blackfield forced a succession of half-chances.

First Elliott had a header blocked and his follow-up shot deflected for a corner.

Jake Rowley then produced a powder-puff effort after good work by Daysh before Elliott shimmied on the edge of the area and fired over.

Injury forced Fareham to make a third substitution when defender Lewis hobbled off to be replaced by Bryn McKie.

On 80 minutes McKie was fouled 30 yards out, but fellow sub Thompson's free kick was not strong enough to trouble Mowthorpe.

The red tide kept coming and



## AFC Totton pass tough Truro test

AFC Totton claimed their place in the FA Cup third qualifying round following a tense win at Truro City of the Blue Square South.

Richard Gillespie's early shot on four minutes was charged down before Mike Gosney's follow-up was blocked by the home defence.

Two minutes later Truro's Andrew Watkins crossed into the Stags area and Ross Bottomley did well to clear the danger.

Then on 15 minutes, with the Totton defence appealing for offside, Watkins' dangerous ball into the area was back-headed away by Luke Whitley.

After 17 minutes Dave Allen was tripped two yards inside the Truro box but Gosney sent the resulting penalty wide of the upright.

With 27 minutes played Les Afful's corner for Truro resulted in head tennis before the Totton defence could clear. The ball found its way to Gosney wide on the left and his low cross into the area was clipped home by GILLESPIE to give the Stags the lead.

Then a minute later the home side almost levelled when Watkins' header was volleyed against the outside of the post by Stewart Yetton.

Thirty seconds after the break Totton went two up when ALLEN's dipping shot from the edge of the area flew over the head of home keeper Tim Sandercombe.

But after 55 minutes Truro reduced the arrears when Afful's free kick was headed home by YETTON.

The home side pushed for an equaliser with Watkins' threatening runs and crosses from the left putting pressure on the Totton defence.

The Stags gained some breathing space with ten minutes left when Gillespie crossed for GOSNEY to head into an empty net.

The Truro onslaught continued at the other end and three minutes into added time BEN WILLIAMS forced the ball home after a goal-mouth scramble.

## McAllister's pair downs Borough

TWO goals from Craig McAllister enabled Richard Hill's team to win 2-1 at Farnborough.

Eastleigh, seeking to reach the third qualifying round of the FA Cup for the seventh consecutive season brought in Damian Scannell for Daryl McMahon as the only change in the starting line-up with Glen Southam assuming the captaincy.

They took the lead in the sixth minute when McALLISTER headed home a free kick from Jai Reason.

Eastleigh went close to doubling their lead but Craig Bradshaw in the Farnborough goal made a good save from Tom Jordan.

The hosts had chances of their own, with Dave Tarpey twice having shots blocked before the break and then having a chance saved in the second half.

Eastleigh, though, scored a second in the 61st minute when Scannell was fouled and McALLISTER converted the resulting penalty.

Farnborough scored a goal in the 73rd minute when Nick Ciardini had an initial shot which DAVE TARPEY followed up to score.

Scannell also came close in the closing minutes but he was well closed down as Eastleigh saw out the win.

# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Duo reunited

**EX-SAINT** Tommy Widdrington has been reunited with his former Salisbury City charge Ben Adelsbury at Eastbourne Borough.

The 20-year-old midfielder has joined the Sussex club from Blue Square Bet South rivals Truro City.

A former Plymouth Argyle and Swansea City youngster, Adelsbury first signed for Salisbury in February 2010.

He left the Whites during the summer and joined Truro, but his stay was short-lived due to the Cornish club's well-publicised financial issues.

"It's a real shame for Truro, the position they find themselves in, but I am delighted to get Ben to The Lane," said Widdrington, pictured.

"He will bring solidity and a physical presence to the midfield and a touch of quality also. He has bags of experience for his age. I'm very pleased to have him in my squad."

### Party time

**ANDOVER** New Street have double cause for celebration next Saturday (September 29).

Not only is it 20 years since the Sydenhams One club moved to their Foxcotte Park HQ, but it's the 50th anniversary of Street's 1962 Andover League and Cup double.

New Street are holding a wine reception and buffet for past, present and future members with a few speeches. Entry is by invite only.

For more information contact andovernewstreetfc@ hotmail.co.uk

### A sad loss

**DAN INGRAM**, former manager and coach connected with football teams within the southern region including Lymington, Milford-on-Sea, Winsor and New Milton, passed away peacefully on September 18 aged 88.

For funeral details please phone 07876 301615 or 01590 679183.



## Need a striker? Just look for one in your local paper

FORMER AFC Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe has revealed he discovered Championship strike sensation Charlie Austin by reading about his non-League exploits in *The Pink*'s sister paper the *(Bournemouth) Daily Echo*.

Austin notched a hat-trick last Saturday as Burnley hammered Peterborough 5-2 – his second Clares treble since signing from Swindon Town last year.

The marksman made his move into the pro ranks with the Robins just two years ago following a stunning 18 months at then Wessex League side Poole Town.

The 23-year-old notched 46 goals from 46 games for the Dolphins in his

first campaign at Tatnall and then found the net 18 times in 11 matches the following season before moving to the County Ground in September 2010.

Howe, pictured below, who was unable to sign Austin while manager at Dean Court due to a transfer embargo said: "A lot of people say if you score goals, you'll score goals at any level."

"Charlie seems to be one of those players."

"I remember picking up the local paper in Bournemouth and seeing him

score four and five every week for Poole Town and you think you've got to go and watch this kid."

"He has definitely got something about him."

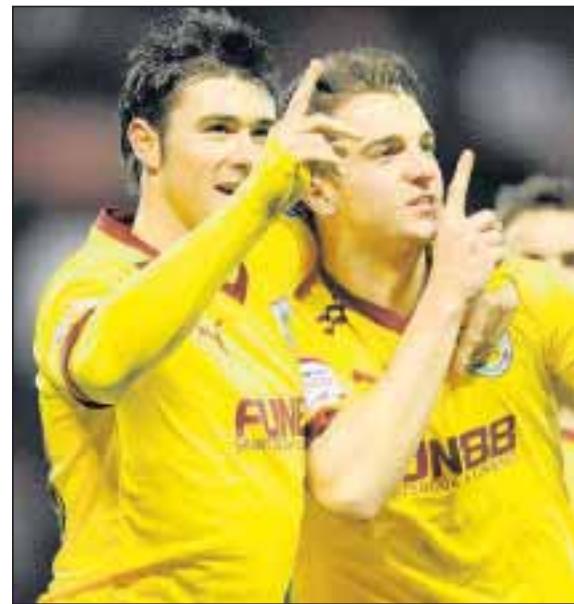
"He's just carried that on through the levels."

Howe, who left Dean Court for Turf Moor in January 2011, added: "I don't think his game around the box has changed too much to be honest. He was always lethal."

"I watched him play for Poole Town against my Bournemouth team one pre-season and he stuck a header in at the back post."

"He hasn't changed in that respect at all."

"I think his play around the box is the same now and, hopefully, it won't change."



**HOTSHOT:** Burnley's Charlie Austin, left, celebrates with his former teammate and current Saints star Jay Rodriguez.

## Eastleigh facing ground exit fear

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**EASTLEIGH** have a new manager, but they may have to find a new home too if they are to fulfil their potential.

Ten Acres Holdings, which has owned the Stoneham Lane site for 25 years, put the land up for sale at £2m earlier this year and had hoped to sell it to the football club to ensure it remains their home as it has been since 1957.

But no agreement has been forthcoming and Spittfires owner Stewart Donald believes the time has come to look elsewhere.

Writing in last Saturday's match-day programme Donald told fans: "Off the field, we have been working hard to try and reach an agreement to acquire the freehold on the Silverlake."

"Despite making an offer that we feel is far above the market rate, and with no other offers forthcoming from any other parties, we have been unable to make any progress."

"We must now try other alternatives, including finding other sites within the borough, to enable the club to fulfil its potential."



The club plan to hold a fans forum before next Saturday's (September 29) home league game against Hayes & Yeading, starting at 12.30pm.

The ground will be one of the issues discussed as, no doubt, will be the arrival of Richard Hill, who has replaced Ian Baird at the managerial helm.

Hill, pictured above, got his reign off to a glorious start last Saturday, guiding the Spittfires to a 4-2 home

win over Maidenhead United which brought an end to their three-match losing streak.

It marked the start of a busy first week for Oxfordshire-based Hill, who will be working closely with Donald to help the Spittfires achieve their dream of Conference National and, ultimately, League football.

As a former Football League player and assistant manager to John Gregory, among others, 48-year-old Hill has worked with an array of professional clubs and describes Donald as a "new-style owner".

"I've seen football evolve over the years and new-style owners want to know what they're doing with their money," he said.

"You wouldn't buy a Ferrari for £200,000 and then just let someone go off and drive it without having a look."

"Football managers tend to say I'm the manager and I'm dealing with this, which is understandable, but when people are putting that much investment in they deserve to know what's going on with their money."

"If you don't keep them involved then you will alienate yourself from them over time."

"Stewart's very keen and good to work for."

"He's interested but not overpowering."

## Dover swoop for McMahon

**EASTLEIGH** skipper Daryl McMahon has left the club to join the Spittfires' Blue Square Bet South rivals Dover Athletic.

The Whites, who currently sit in seventh place in the Blue Square Bet South table, tried to prise the 28-year-old Irishman, pictured below, away from the Silverlake twice in the past week and were finally successful with a third bid yesterday.

**Eastleigh** Director Stewart Donald said: "We are obviously extremely disappointed to lose Daryl to a club that we perceive is one of our closest rivals at this time."

"However, Dover matched our valuation and we feel the deal represents good value for the football club."

"Although only having been at the Silverlake a short while Daryl had become a popular figure at the club and the fact we made him club captain shows what we think of him."

**Manager** Richard Hill added: "Daryl was keen to speak to Dover when I told him they had made an official approach and that the clubs had potentially agreed a fee."

"I would never stand in anybody's way once they have decided to move on and I wish Daryl well in his future career."



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## Non-league Football

# Castle exit adds to City's exodus

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**PETE Castle is Sholing-bound after parting company with Southern One South & West rivals Winchester City.**

The strapping centre-back will make the ideal replacement for Dave Marden who has left the Boatmen to return to local football due to work and family commitments.

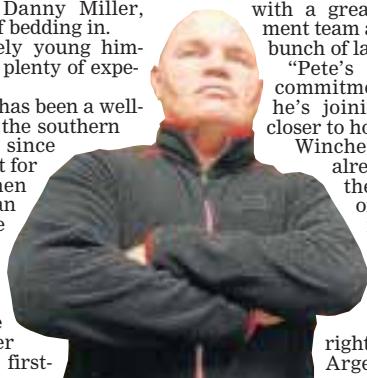
"Pete has wanted to come to us for a number of years. He lives over this way and knows a lot of our players," said Boatmen's boss Dave Diaper.

"With Dave Marden going, it frees up a place for him."

"Although we've got some good young players coming through in that position, like Calum Brockway and Danny Miller, they need a bit of bedding in."

"Pete's relatively young himself, but he's got plenty of experience."

Now 25, Castle has been a well-known name on the southern football scene since making his debut for Reading – then managed by Alan Pardew – at the age of 16 years and 49 days. He wrote his name in the record books as the youngest player ever to make a first-



team appearance for the Royals. Since then he has done the non-League rounds with the likes of Staines, Eastleigh, Basley, AFC Totton and Lymington Town.

He spent a chunk of last season with GE Hamble in the Sydenhams Premier Division before moving to promoted Wessex champions Winchester during the summer.

But though Winchester started the season brilliantly, they have lost their last three games – including costly exits from the FA Cup and FA Trophy.

Two other high profile City players – Leigh Mills and ex-Saint Tom Dunford – left last week and now Castle has followed them out of the Denplan City Ground door.

Wishing Castle all the best at Sholing, McCarthy, pictured below, said: "I wish him all the luck in the world."

"Sholing are a great club with a great management team and a great bunch of lads."

"Pete's got work commitments and he's joining a club closer to home."

Winchester have already begun the process of rebuilding following their mini player exodus. Ex-Saints right-back Sam Argent and

holding midfielder Ian Humble made their debuts in last Saturday's 2-1 FA Trophy exit against Sholing.

And the club were this week awaiting international clearance for two more newcomers – Scottish centre-half James McGowan and holding midfielder Ryan Woodford, a one-time Eastleigh player who recently returned from a spell playing in Australia.

"Ryan's got a great pedigree. He played for England schools as a kid. We've seen him in training and he's decent," said McCarthy.

"The Scottish lad looks quality too. The sooner we get the international clearance, the better."

Having lost to Yate in the FA Cup, being dumped out of the Trophy was the last thing Winchester needed financially.

McCarthy admits that missing out on £5,300 in prize money hit the club hard.

"Financially we're under a bit of pressure and losing the best part of £6,000 in the space of a week doesn't help," he said.

"We're in a slightly transitional period, but our enthusiasm and expectation are the same and I'm sure we'll be fine."

"We've lost three games in a row and we're not happy with that."

"The responsibility lies partly with the players because I know they're better than the three teams that have beaten us, but I'll take part of the blame and I'm sure Guy (manager Guy Butters) and the coaches will too."



**ON THE MOVE:** Defender Pete Castle is the latest big name to leave Winchester City.



**ANDY DARNTON**

## Verwood get up and running

THEY left it late, but newly-promoted Verwood Town finally got their first Sydenhams Premier win under their belts at home to rock-bottom Romsey on Tuesday.

It took the Potters 82 minutes to make the breakthrough, but headers from Charlie Gajic and Mike Haskell secured the points 2-0. Gajic, a mainstay of

last season's promotion-winning campaign, donned the captain's armband in the absence of Matt Delaney and opened the scoring.

His header broke Romsey's brave resistance eight minutes from time and, six minutes later, Haskell nodded home a second.

"We're up and running with our first win

and deservedly so," said coach Andy Darnton.

"It was Mike Haskell's first game back after being injured and unavailable and he makes a difference to us. He's big and stocky and holds the ball up well."

Two new additions have also made their mark for the promoted Sydenhams One champions. Lee

O'Connell, formerly on the books of Eastleigh and Andover, brings experience to the left-back role, while ex-Gosport Borough and Abingdon player Jack Smith has strengthened the centre of defence.

"Jack's family's Oxford-based and his last club was Kidlington, but he goes to Southampton University," Darnton

explained. Last season Darnton was coach at Romsey under former boss Wayne Mew and it gives him no pleasure to see his old club struggling at the foot of the table without a point or a goal in their first five games.

"Romsey are young and full of energy, but they tired a bit towards the end," he said.

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## Non-league News

### A bit of flair

DORCHESTER Town have added a touch of Iberian flair to their squad.

The Blue Square Bet South club have signed Jon Garcia who has just come over from Spain.

"The chairman (Shaun Hearn) has a contact over there and it has come about through that," explained Magpies boss Phil Simkin, right.



"He is a left midfielder in his early 20s and has played most of his football in Spanish Division Two."

Dorchester's four-game winning streak was brought to an end last Saturday with a 1-0 defeat at newly-promoted AFC Hornchurch.

Garcia travelled to Essex and his appearance as a second-half substitute was one of few plus points from a Dorchester perspective.

"He only got 15 minutes, but he showed quite a lot in that time," said Simkin.

### Cash boost

STOCKBRIDGE'S efforts to raise money for new changing rooms at their Recreation Ground home have received a welcome boost.

A charity day held at the nearby Longstock Water Gardens raised £2,500 towards the project and the Sydenhams One club would like to thank Leckford Estate, which owns the gardens.

This follows a £15,000 donation from the Southern Co-operative Community Card Scheme which raises money for local organisations.

### Royce's first

ROYCE Reed scored his first goal for Laverstock & Ford last Saturday, but it was all in vain.

The Wiltshire club lost 3-1 at home to Team Solent in the Sydenhams Division One.

Declan Edwards, Mark Jordan and Michael Wheeler made it two wins out of two for the Southampton Solent University side at Church Road this season having already won on penalties there in Sydenhams League Cup.

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### Christchurch are still flying

CHRISTCHURCH maintained their 100 per cent start to the Sydenhams Premier Division season with another win on Tuesday night.

But Priory had to do it the hard way, coming back from behind to see off local rivals New Milton Town 3-1 at Hurn Bridge.

Ex-Romsey sharpshooter Simon De'Ath, pictured, gave the Linnets a fifth-minute lead before goals from Ross Lloyd and Sam Griffin put Christchurch 2-1 up at the break.

Substitute Russell Cook completed the scoring in the 74th minute.

"We were fortunate to be leading at half-time," admitted Priory boss Graham Kemp.

"New Milton played really well in the first half and we were below par.

"But it was men against boys in the second half."

### Louie needs more rest

FAREHAM Town's Louie Martin faces at least another week on the sidelines.

The defender/midfielder collapsed with breathing problems during Town's 2-1 FA Cup win over Christchurch.

He was taken to hospital and diagnosed with fractured ribs and bruising and swelling on his lungs and was expected to be out for three to five weeks.

### Duo's double Friday date

IN an attempt to entice more fans along, Sydenhams Premier rivals Fareham Town and GE Hamble have agreed to play each other on Friday evenings this season.

The first league meeting will take place at Hamble's Follands Park on October 27 and the return will be at Town's Cams Alders HQ on March 8. Both are 7.45 kick-offs.

COLDEN Common believe the disappointment of narrowly losing last season's Hampshire Intermediate Cup final has had a galvanising effect on the squad.

With the exception of three players, new manager Dave Woods has kept the 2011/12 group together and the Commoners are currently going great guns at the top of the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League. Woods

succeeded Mick Pratt and Ged Magee at the Main Road helm at the end of a season which saw Common heartbreakingly beaten on penalties in the county cup final after drawing 4-4 with AFC Portchester reserves.

But, according to Common secretary Ian Steele, that "steep learning curve" has

stood them in good stead for the current campaign.

"Dave convinced all last season's squad – aside from James Atterbury, Dave Egerton and Josh Street – to resign with the promise of an exciting season," said Steele.

"And, so far, his forecast has been spot on."

Woods and his assistant coach Steve Blackburn have bolstered the squad with selected players from their previous club, Durley, as well as bringing some established names into the fold.

Gary Fulker, a highly-regarded Sydenhams Wessex campaigner with Romsey and Winchester City, is

back for his second spell at Main Road, while ex-Winchester and AFC Totton left-back Adam Lang has got his mojo back having signed but rarely played for Common over the past two seasons.

Jordan Parker and Phil Curtis have further strengthened an already strong squad

which has won eight and drawn one of its opening ten league games.

"In conclusion you could say that, at the moment, all is rosy in the Main Road camp," said Steele.

"But the managerial team is aware that the next hurdle could be the one that brings us back down to earth.

"This club will be doing its level best to keep all feet on the ground."

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**DANNY Barker has spoken of his disappointment after Ryan Long's much-heralded return to Romsey Town failed to materialise.**

Having taken on the difficult job of rebuilding Town from scratch this season, Barker couldn't believe his luck when club favourite Long agreed to re-sign after a brief spell with Sydenhams Premier rivals Blackfield & Langley.

Work commitments meant the highly-rated frontman was struggling to make training at Blackfield, so he agreed to return to the Bypass Ground where, barring a spell with Gosport Borough, he had been a star performer for the previous four seasons.

But no sooner had Long signed Sydenhams forms for Romsey than he texted Barker to say he wouldn't be playing for them after all.

"Ryan signed and then, at the last minute, he did a U-turn and decided he wouldn't be coming," said Barker.

"There's no indication he's gone to another club, but he's not communicated heavily."

"We signed him and then he texted me out of the blue to say he'd decided not to return and wished us well.

"It's a shame because he



would have made a difference to us."

Long, pictured above, first rose to prominence during Glenn Burnett's tenure as Romsey manager and earned a move to Southern League Gosport two sea-

sons ago after catching the eye of Privett Park boss Alex Pike.

He returned to the Bypass Ground to play for Wayne Mew and his father Stuart Long, Mew's assistant, scoring 17 goals in 30 Wessex

appearances last term to help Town to a highly respectable eighth-placed finish.

But when Mew and Long Sr departed during the summer, virtually the entire Romsey team fol-

### Non-league community rallies round for Andy

TAFFY Richardson has urged people to support next Thursday's benefit match for Dorset footballer Andy Culliford who is battling motor neurone disease.

Culliford, 34, is well known on the south coast's non-league circuit following spells with the likes of Poole Town, Bournemouth Poppies, Wimborne and Bashley.

In a bid to help fund

an expensive new drug as part of his treatment, Culliford's fellow fireman and former midfield partner Richardson has teamed up with Brian McIntyre to arrange a benefit match.

Drawing on past and present players from Poole and Wimborne, an Andy Culliford XI will take on an AFC Bournemouth team at Wimborne's Cuthbury ground on Thursday

(September 27) at 7.30pm.

Non-League legend Richardson described Culliford, pictured, as "unbelievably brave" and called on the local footballing community to show their support.

The veteran Poole midfielder said: "Cully tackles it better than

anyone I have known. He still comes to work and does everything he can.

"I used to have people like Bryan Robson as my heroes, but Cully is my hero now.

"He has got a young family and he has the chance of a drug that could potentially slow down this terrible illness.

"The football community can come together and help one of its nice characters."

Along with the football, there will be a raffle, auction, 50-50 draw, barbecue, tea room and bar facilities in the Cuthbury clubhouse.

McIntyre and Richardson have already secured some interesting lots for the auction including signed first-team shirts

from Arsenal, Stoke and AFC Bournemouth and ex-Poole striker Charlie Austin's Burnley shirt.

The game has been sanctioned by the Dorset FA and the match officials are giving their services free of charge.

Entry is £5 adults and £1 under-16s.

Donations of raffle prizes are welcome. Call 01202 823731 for details.

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# 'Super Al' finds his feet at B&L

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**BLACKFIELD & Langley's two latest recruits played key roles in last Saturday's FA Vase success at Gang Warily.**

Striker Alex Baldacchino, dual-signed from AFC Totton, scored on his debut as the Watersiders saw off Bristol Manor Farm 3-2 to book a home date with Westbury United in the first round proper on October 13.

Shortly after 'Super Al' had fired his new club 2-1 ahead, ex-Saints academy goalkeeper Steve Mowthorpe – signed from Totton & Eling – chipped in with an exceptional save.

There were still nervous moments ahead for Blackfield, however, with Bristol equalising at the start of stoppage time only for Kane Daysh to clinch it for the ten-man Watersiders with a dramatic 94th-minute header.

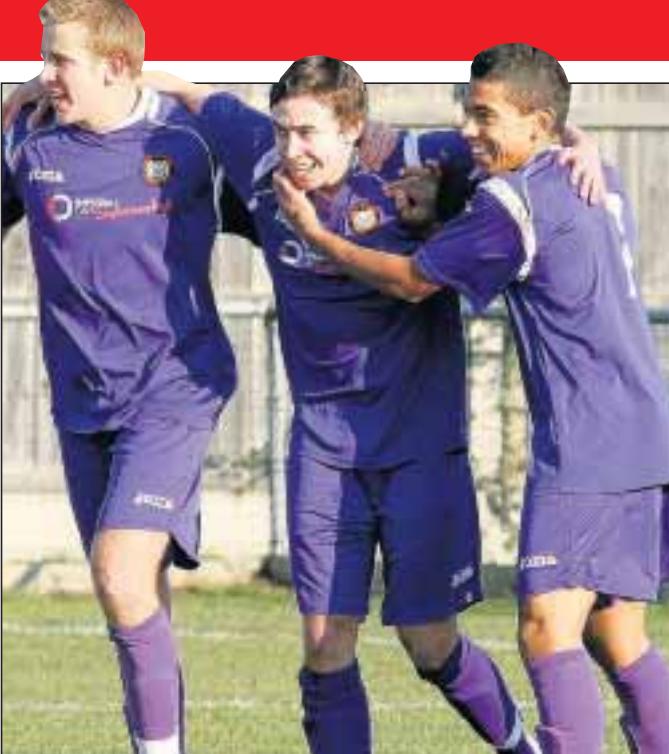
Baldacchino had gone on as a sub for the tiring Nathan Lynch, who, having scored an excellent opener, found himself ploughing a lone furrow up front after defender Scott Sampson had been shown a straight red at 1-1.

Playing with ten men made life tough for Blackfield against an energetic, young side, but there was never a doubt in assistant manager Glenn Burnett's mind that Baldacchino would turn the tie in their favour.

Having spent the best part of last season working with the then Havant & Waterlooville young gun at New Milton, Burnett knew what a lethal finisher he could be.

"I turned to Ash (manager Ash Vickers) and said the little lad would come on and put the ball in the net," he said.

"It was no surprise to me that he



**NEW BOY:** Alex Baldacchino, pictured above centre when playing for New Milton last season, has proved a hit since joining Blackfield & Langley.

did. Having seen him last year scoring 29 goals for New Milton, I knew that, given a chance, 'Super Al' would take it."

Having spent the back end of last season in the Southern One South & West with Poole Town, Baldacchino re-signed for the Dolphins during the summer. But the travelling was an issue from his Portsmouth home and he transferred to Sydenhams Premier outfit AFC Totton where he quickly became frustrated on the bench.

Totton boss Steve Riley still sees a

future for him at the Testwood Stadium but agreed to Baldacchino's request to get some confidence-boosting games elsewhere. And, in Burnett's opinion, the slightly-built youngster has made a wise move.

He believes Baldacchino left the Wessex League prematurely last season to try his luck with Poole Town.

"Alex only scored about ten goals the season before he got his 29, but suddenly we had seven approaches in for him in ten weeks," he said.

**EASTLEIGH** will open their defence of the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at home to Sydenhams Premier high fliers Christchurch next month.

The Spitfires lifted the trophy for the first time in their history at St Mary's in May following a 2-0 win over AFC Totton.

They had been due to discover the identity of their sec-

## Eastleigh host 'Church

ond round opponents 11 days ago, but the tie between Christchurch and Stockbridge was abandoned due to a flood-light failure at Hurn Bridge.

Last Saturday the teams tried again at Stockbridge's

Recreation Ground where Christchurch ran out 4-0 winners against the Sydenhams One underdogs courtesy of James Burden, Ben Osborne, Dan Thompson and Mark Smith.

The Eastleigh v Christchurch tie is scheduled to be played on Tuesday, October 16.

**Hampshire FA Senior Cup second round draw:** Brockenhurst v Fleet Town (10/10), AFC Bournemouth v Winchester City (9/10), Farnborough v Basingstoke Town

(9/10), GE Hamble v Petersfield Town (9/10), Horndean v Hythe & Dibden (9/10), East Cowes Vics v Alresford Town (9/10), Gosport Borough v Lymington Town (9/10), Aldershot Town v Alton Town (9/10), Hayling Utd v AFC Totton (9/10), US Portsmouth v Havant & Waterlooville (9/10), Cove v Sholing (9/10), Bashley v Newport IoW (9/10), Fareham Town v Blackfield & Langley (9/10), Eastleigh v Christchurch (16/10), Eversley & California v Fleet Spur (9/10), Totton & Eling or Hartley Wintney v Ringwood or Cowes Sports.

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### Hamworthy set record

**HAYLING** were on the receiving end as Hamworthy United took out their FA Vase frustrations with a club record 8-0 league victory on Tuesday.

The Hammers were humiliated 5-1 by Fawley AFC last Saturday in the FA Vase second qualifying round. Their response was to thrash Hayling 8-0 in the Sydenhams Premier Division – their highest ever Wessex League score.



**Aaron Corby** led the rout with a double, assisted by Greg Horlock, Stuart Cannie, Steve Walker, Stefan Penny, Ryan Murray and Sam Pekun.

"It was pretty even until they had a player sent off for striking Will Robinson and Ryan Murray – which was some feat in a short space of time!" said Hammers boss Simon, pictured above. "I would have been confident of winning from the way we had started, but 8-0 certainly wasn't expected. I was looking for a response following our abject performance on Saturday and got one."

### Stu keeping it steady

**NEW boss Stuart Ritchie** is happy with the steady progress of his Havant & Waterlooville side.

The Hawks drew 1-1 at Paul Doswell's Sutton United last Saturday, stretching their unbeaten run to four games.



A Simon Downer own goal presented them with a 41st-minute lead before the Us' Craig Dundas pegged them back with 20 minutes remaining.

"That's four games unbeaten now. Not many sides will come here and get too much," said Ritchie, pictured above.

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### Loss leaves Jim 'gutted'

**WHITCHURCH** United boss Jim Macey professed himself "gutted" after seeing his Sydenhams One side knocked out of the FA Vase on penalties by Bristol Academy.

Isaac Sedu weaved some magic to pull Whitchurch back from behind before the visitors reclaimed the lead from the spot after a foul by Tom Pemberton.

The north Hampshire hosts suffered another blow early in the second half when Alex Pickering picked up a second yellow, but the ten men levelled when George Dallarda squared for Sedu's second. That sent the tie into extra time with Whitchurch going ahead for the first time via a Nick Jupp penalty awarded after substitute Louis Macey had been pushed.

But Bristol levelled with their second penalty of the game - Pemberton harshly penalised for a second time - and their prowess from the spot continued as they won the shoot-out 4-2.

"It was unbelievable and I am gutted," said Macey. "I really believe if we had kept 11 men on the pitch, we would have murdered them."

Next up for Bristol Academy is a first round proper trip to GE Hamble on October 13.

Monday, September 24  
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
Championship: Blackpool v Huddersfield.

**BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE**  
National Group 2: Southampton U21 v Tottenham U21 (7pm).

**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Division One South & West: Mangotsfield v Paulton Rovers.

**SYDENHAMS LEAGUE**  
Premier Division: Beremerton HH v Horndean.

Tuesday, September 25  
**CAPITAL ONE CUP**

Third round (7.45): Bradford v Burton Albion, Chelsea v Wolverhampton, Crawley Town v Swansea, Leeds v Everton, Man City v Aston Villa, Milton Keynes Dons v Sunderland, Preston v Middlesbrough, SAINTS v Sheff Wed, Swindon v Burnley, West Ham v Wigan.

**BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE**  
Premier: AFC Telford v Newport County, Braintree Town v Dartford, Cambridge Utd v Kidderminster, Ebbsfleet United v Woking, Grimsby v Gateshead, Hereford v Forest Green, Hyde v Alfreton Town, Lincoln City v Nuneaton, Macclesfield v Mansfield, Southport v Stockport, Tamworth v Luton, Wrexham v Barrow.

**South:** Havant & Waterlooville v Weston-super-Mare, Staines v Basingstoke.

**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**  
Division One South & West:

# Kelly can be hero for Poole - Killick

**POOLE** Town have completed the signing of ex-Winchester City, Bashley and Salisbury City man Adam Kelly.

The versatile midfielder made his Dolphins debut in last Saturday's 0-0 FA Trophy draw at Beaconsfield SYCOB after parting company with Blue Square Bet South crisis club Truro City.

Dolphins boss Tom Killick is confident Kelly will make a major impact at Tatnam as Poole, last season's beaten Southern One South & West finalists, bid to go one better this term.

"Adam was a contracted player with Truro, but became a free agent," Killick explained.

"He is someone I was aware of when he was at Salisbury.

"I think he has started every game for Truro this season and he played regularly for Salisbury when they won the Southern Premier.

"I talk about the fact that it is difficult to find players to improve us as a team, but I hope he will."

Kelly, 24, hails from Exeter and played for Tiverton Town as a teenager.

He came to study in Hampshire and first appeared on the local non-League scene during Andy Leader's time as Winchester boss.

Before joining Truro in February this year, he had made 77 appear-

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ances for Salisbury, scoring 14 times in all competitions.

Poole won Tuesday's Trophy replay 3-1 against Beaconsfield courtesy of Carl Preston, Melvin Brooks and substitute Karim Lammali.

At 2-0 up the Dolphins became ragged and a scrappy Anthony Page reply put wind in the visitors' sails.

But the introduction of veteran Taffy Richardson settled them down.

"Taffy has unbelievable know-how in terms of seeing out games, doing the right things and influencing others," said Killick.

"I trust him implicitly, whether he starts or comes on as a substitute.

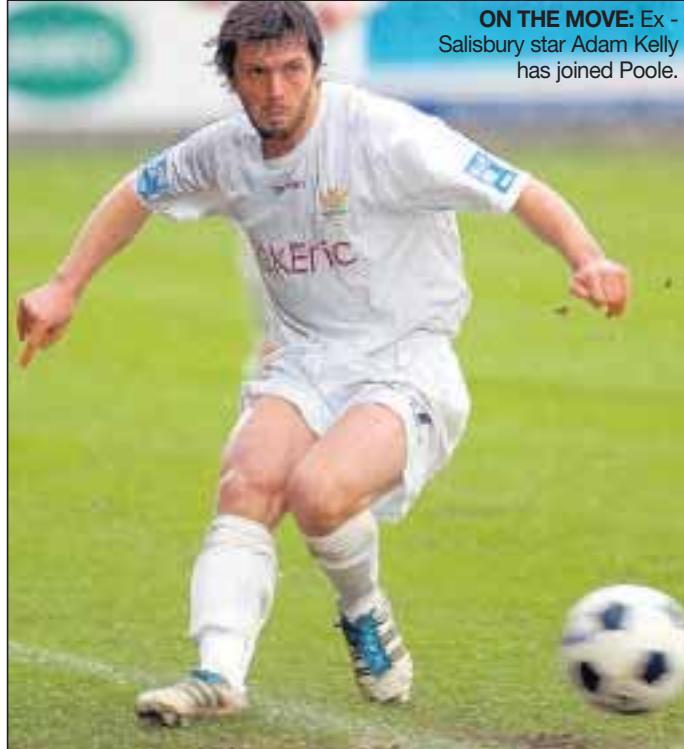
"He is an exceptional player and an exceptional character."

Victory earns Poole a tasty home tie against Frank Gray's Bashley next Saturday (September 29).

• Wimborne also came safely through their FA Trophy replay, beating Clevedon Town 3-0 through Jamie Davidson, George Webb and Matt Kemble.

They visit Banbury United next Saturday.

**ON THE MOVE:** Ex-Salisbury star Adam Kelly has joined Poole.



## ● LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Clevedon v Didcot, Tiverton v Taunton.

**SYDENHAMS LEAGUE**

Premier Division: Alresford v Totton & Eling, Alton v Downton, Christchurch v GE Hamble, Lympington Town v Fareham, Moneyfields v Newport IoW.

**Division One:** Cowes Sports v Ringwood, Hythe & Dibden v Brockenhurst.

**PORTSMOUTH DFA SENIOR CUP** AFC Portchester v Paulsgrove, Hayling Utd v Fareham Town Res, Petersfield v Wymerring.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

Premier Division: Dorchester v Wimborne Town.

**Wednesday, September 26**

**CAPITAL ONE CUP**

Third round: Arsenal v Coventry, Carlisle v Tottenham, Man Utd v Newcastle, Norwich v Doncaster, QPR v Reading, West Brom v Liverpool.

**SYDENHAMS LEAGUE**

Premier Division: Fawley AFC v Romsey Town.

**PORTSMOUTH DFA SENIOR CUP**

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**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

Premier Division: Gosport Borough

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**Thursday, September 27**

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**Friday, September 28**

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Premier: Alfreton Town v Braintree Town, Barrow v Cambridge Utd, Dartford v Hyde, Gateshead v AFC Telford, Kidderminster v

Tottenham (5.30), Norwich v Liverpool, Reading v Newcastle, Stoke v Swansea, Sunderland v Wigian.

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**First qualifying round:** Banbury Utd v Wimborne Town, Yeovil, AFC Totton v Bideford, Slough Town v Gosport Borough, Pool Town v Bashley, North Leigh v Sholing.

**SYDENHAMS LEAGUE**

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Moneyfield, Alresford v Christchurch, Alton v GE Hamble, Beremerton HH v Bournemouth, Blackfield & Langley v New Milton, Downton v Fareham, Hamworthy Utd v Fawley AFC, Hornbeam v Romsey, Lymington Town v Totton & Eling, Verwood v Newport IoW.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

**WL Cup, first round:** Fareham Town v Tadley Calleva, GE Hamble v Laverstock & Ford.

**Premier Division:** Christchurch v Beremerton HH, Sholing v Salisbury City, Wimborne Town v Poole Town.

**Division One East:** Hayling v Alton, Petersfield v Alresford, US Portsmouth v Horndean, Whitchurch v Newport IoW.

**Division One West:** Fawley AFC v Lymington Town, New Milton v East

Cowes Vics, Ringwood v Blackfield & Langley, Romsey v Verwood.

**PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE**

**Overton:** AFC Stoneham v Bournemouth Sports v AFC Overton, Bournemouth Sports v AFC

Aldermaston, Hamble Club v Liss Athletic, Liphook v Fleetlands, Locks Heath v Otterbourne, QK Southampton v Hedge End Rangers, Sporting BW v Clanfield, University of Portsmouth v Colden Common, Whitchurch Castle v Paulsgrove.

**PEHPL Combination Cup, first round:** AFC Aldermaston v Hamble Club (2.30)

**Combination:** Clanfield v Sporting BW, Colden Common v Locks Heath, Fleetlands v Bournemouth Sports, Hedge End Rangers v Liphook, Liss Athletic v Whitchurch Castle, Otterbourne v Paulsgrove, Overton v AFC Stoneham.

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**BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE**

**National Group 2:** Stoke U18 v Southampton U18 (11.00).

# Non-league Football



## Nolan grabs Hamble chance with both hands

GF HAMBLE boss Dave Lewis has described the emergence of young midfielder Pip Nolan as 'refreshing'.

Due to injury and unavailability, the Planemakers have had to make full use of their squad already this term – and young Nolan has seized his chance with both hands.

"Pip's a local lad who's been at the club for a couple of years now," said Lewis.

"He's always been one we've had an eye on. We knew he would come through."

Although Nolan's Sydenhams Wessex potential has long been evident, he has had to bide his time

waiting for his first-team break with the Premier Division title chasers.

"Where our remit was to try and win the league, it was difficult for any young lad to get in the side," Lewis explained.

"If we were a mid-table side all our young lads would be playing by now.

"It's the old conundrum when you're trying to win the league. The young lads lack experience, but then how do they get that experience if you don't play them?"

"But Pip's got his chance due to unavailability and he hasn't looked out of place at all."

Nolan is not the only young gun putting pres-

sure on Hamble's more experienced players.

Lewis is also backing Rickii Sibley, Matt Graham and Alex Sheath to make an impact in the senior ranks this term.

"All four have got a place in the dressing room now and the other lads recognise what good players they are," he said.

Hamble have always been keen to include local lads and keep a local identity.

"Even when we won Division One, we did it with six or seven of the lads who had been relegated the previous season.

"Every year we have local lads in the squad and this year we're giving some of

the young ones the chance to get into the first eleven.

"Young or old, it's tough for anyone to stay in the squad and keep the shirt because we've got a really good side, but we need that competition."

Hamble demonstrated their strength in depth last Saturday when, without holidaying star striker Ashley Jarvis, they came away from Western Premier outfit Winterbourne United as 3-0 FA Vase victors.

It earns them an October 13 home tie against another Bristol outfit, Bristol Academy, who dumped out Whitchurch United on penalties at Longmeadow after a 3-3 draw.

In Jarvis's absence,

Richard Gregory was the star of the show, scoring twice himself and setting up the other for Jamie Musselwhite.

"Any away tie in the Vase is tough, but we've gone there, done a thoroughly professional job and controlled the game from start to finish," said Lewis. "We were never in any danger."

Hamble followed up their Vase triumph with a 1-1 midweek league draw at Blackfield & Langley.

It was a classic 'game of two halves' with a Dan Turner goal rewarding the Planemakers' early dominance before Alex Baldacchino equalised in a Blackfield-bossed second half.

## Non-league News

### White tops the charts

EX-SAINT Jamie White deposited another two goals into his Conference South account as Salisbury City's ten men held on for a 3-2 victory at Hayes & Yeading last Saturday.

White, pictured, was a permanent fixture at the top of the Sydenhams Premier goal charts with Winchester City last season.



Now he heads the Blue Square Bet South list with a handsome return of seven goals from Salisbury's first eight league games.

The Harefield lad scored twice to fire the Wiltshire club 2-0 up at Hayes – both from Dan Fitchett assists.

A Robbie Matthews wonder strike put clear daylight between the teams until Luke Williams grabbed one back four minutes later.

Satisfied Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke said: "We were very resilient and we could have got a fourth, but I'm just really proud of my players for getting the result.

"We've got those clinical finishers in front of goal at the minute."

### Warren's return

STRIKER Martin Warren has rejoined Sydenhams Premier outfit Bournemouth Poppies. Warren – formerly of Laverstock & Ford and Holt United – was on the Victoria Park books last season, but left to sign for



Ringwood Town in Sydenhams One. He marked his return to the Poppies by scoring against Moneyfields last Saturday, but it was not enough to ward off a 4-1 league defeat that powered the Money men to the top of the table.

Ex-Saints trainee Bobby Scott (above) – signed from Blackfield & Langley – netted twice on his Moneyfields debut, joining Steve Hutchings and Jake Slater on the score-sheet at Dover Road.

# Magpies put cup woes behind them

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**ALRESFORD** Town put their FA Vase heartbreak behind them to claim one of their most impressive ever Sydenhams Premier scalps on Tuesday night.

The Magpies were seemingly down and out against league leaders Moneyfields at Arlebury Park, trailing 2-0 with less than half an hour to play.

But they stunned the Portsmouth high-fliers with a dramatic fight-back as goals by Zach Glasspool (2) and Steve Harding turned the game on its head 3-2.

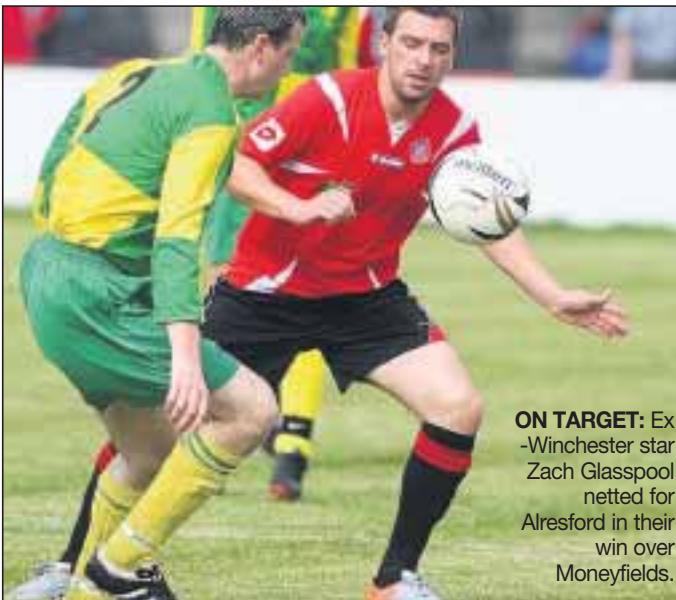
Ex-Saint Bobby Scott and Rob Evans had put Moneys in the driving seat, but Alresford co-boss Danny Robinson said: "I don't think we deserved to be two down."

"They scored with a 25-yard worldy into the top corner and then a second which their lad hit really well into the roof of the net."

"That scoreline was a bit harsh on us, I felt, but we showed great character and work ethic to nick it at the end."

Victory lifted the merry Magpies to the heady heights of fourth, but Robinson said: "We're not getting carried away."

"We've got a tough run of fixtures



**ON TARGET:** Ex-Winchester star Zach Glasspool netted for Alresford in their win over Moneyfields.

coming up against Christchurch, Downton and Hamble and maybe we'll be a bit more bullish after that. We're a happy camp and you never know what can happen in a season, but we'll just keep doing our thing and see where it goes."

Tuesday's fightback began on 67 minutes when Glasspool turned to fire right-footed into the bottom

corner. Two minutes later the striker was at it again, producing a shot which Moneys' veteran keeper Dave Hook failed to hold and there was Harding to bravely poke home the loose ball.

The Magpies completed the spectacular turnaround with ten minutes remaining – Mike McEnery playing a defence-splitting pass to

Glasspool, who beat Hook at the second time of asking.

Alresford's interest in the FA Vase is over after they suffered stoppage-time heartbreak at Newport Iow last Saturday.

The Magpies led through Harding in the 16th minute and looked to be heading for the first round proper as the game entered stoppage time.

But up popped Tom McInnes to rescue the Islanders just in the nick of time and, to rub salt in Alresford's wounds, the super sub then struck again early in extra time to send Newport through 2-1.

It was quite a comeback by Port who had been reduced to ten men late in normal time when, having used all three substitutes, they lost defender Jon Holmes to injury.

With a minute of extra time remaining, Alresford balanced up the numbers by having Carl Saunders sent off for a second yellow.

"I thought we were the better team in the first half and I could not see Newport scoring," said Alresford co-boss Tim Cole.

"I do not know where the ref got the five minutes of stoppage time, but sometimes you do not get the decisions you deserve."

"On a positive note, me and Dan (Robinson) thought we played some great football."

"The effort the lads put in was excellent, but it was not meant to be."

"Good luck to Newport in the next round."

Next up for Port is a trip to Swanage Town & Herston on October 13.

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## Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



# DOUBLE DELIGHT!

***Your picture-packed special celebrating Hampshire's two one-day cricket trophy successes***



**JAMES** Vince, right, and Chris Wood hold the CB40 silverware in their hands after Hampshire had completed a record-breaking double.

For the first time since one-day cricket was introduced into the English county game back in the late 1960s, Hampshire have won

two trophies in the same season.

The Royals followed up last month's t20 Cup final win against Yorkshire in Cardiff – the team are pictured celebrating right – by beating Warwickshire in a thrilling CB40 final at Lord's.

Hampshire won with the scores level but having lost fewer wickets – the same way they beat

Somerset in the 2010 t20 final.

Here, in this great pull-out, the Sports Pink celebrates Hampshire's great achievement, with cricket writer Simon Walter reflecting on a memorable end to the season – off the pitch as well as on it – and also giving his marks out of 10 for each player's performances in 2012.



# ROYALS 2012 fixtures

## APRIL

12-15 Gloucestershire, home, LVCC – Gloucs 314 (D Balcombe 8-71) & 174 (D Balcombe 3-48, H Riazuddin 3-51), Hampshire 199 (S Katich 74) & 256 (M Bates 87, C Wood 65). Hampshire lost by 33 runs.

19-22 Glamorgan, SWALEC, LVCC – Glamorgan 103-9 dec (D Balcombe 5-33) & 256 (H Riazuddin 5-61), Hampshire 156 (L Dawson 32) & 204-8 (S Ervine 75, J Vince 28). Hampshire won by 2 wickets.

26-29 Leicestershire, h, LVCC – Leics 234 (L Dawson 5-29), Hampshire 217-4 (M Carberry 84no, S Katich 54, S Ervine 41no). Drawn

## MAY

2-5 Northants, Northampton, LVCC – Northants 218 (C Wood 4-52) & 232-9 (C Wood 3-58, D Balcombe 3-70), Hampshire 154 (J Vince 46no) & 179 (M Carberry 61). Hampshire lost by 117 runs.

7 Glamorgan, h, CB40 – Glamorgan 173-7 (K Ali 3-44), Hampshire 151-2 (J Vince 63, M Carberry 60). Hampshire won on DL Method.

9-12 Derbyshire, h, LVCC – Derbyshire 352-8 dec (J Adams 122, B Shafayat 93), Derbyshire 403-9 dec (K Ali 3-60, J Tomlinson 3-101). Drawn

16-19 Yorkshire, Headingley, LVCC – Hampshire 427 (S Katich 196, M Bates 103, S Ervine 44) & 191-2 dec (S Katich 61no, M Carberry 61no, J Adams 49), Yorkshire 399-9 dec (L Dawson 3-61). Drawn

20 Scotland, Uddingston, CB40 – Hampshire 220 (M Carberry 76), Scotland 131 (K Ali 2-17, D Briggs 2-31). Hampshire won by 89 runs.

23-26 Glamorgan, h, LVCC – Hampshire 316 (S Ervine 109, J Adams 42, M Bates 41) & 273 (J Adams 72, J Vince 48), Glamorgan 327 (D Balcombe 4-91) & 231 (K Ali 3-42, J Tomlinson 3-45). Hampshire won by 31 runs.

27 Somerset, Taunton, CB40 – Somerset 212-9, Hampshire 216-1 (M Carberry 103no, J Adams 56, J Vince 44no). Hampshire won by 9 wickets.

31 Nottinghamshire (F), h, CB40 – Notts 277-4, Hampshire 265 (S Ervine 68, M Carberry 54, J Adams 51, D Mascarenhas 48). Hampshire lost by 12 runs.

## JUNE

3 Surrey, Kia Oval, CB40 – Surrey 76-1, match abandoned.

4 Scotland, h, CB40 – Scotland 230-9 (D Briggs 3-35), Hampshire 234-4 (M Carberry 148no). Hampshire won by 6 wickets.

6-9 Kent, Tunbridge Wells, LVCC – Hampshire 303-8 (L Dawson 134no, S Katich 54), Kent 220-6. Drawn

14 Sussex, Hove, FLT20 – Abandoned, no result

19 Middlesex (F), h, FLT20 – Hampshire 157-6 (J Vince 64no), Middlesex 161-4. Hampshire lost by 6 wickets.

22 Kent, h, FLT20 – Kent 151-5, Hampshire 148-6. Hampshire lost by 3 runs.

24 Kent, Canterbury, FLT20 – Kent 135-6, Hampshire 138-4 (G Maxwell 66no). Hampshire won by 6 wickets.

27 Middlesex, Richmond, FLT20 – Middlesex 156-2, Hampshire 160-6 (S Ervine 75no, S Katich 40). Hampshire won by 4 wkts.

29 Essex, Chelmsford, FLT20 – Essex 176-4, Hampshire 177-4 (G Maxwell 60no, S Katich 42no). Hampshire won by 6 wickets.

30 Surrey, h, FLT20 – Surrey 94-6, Hampshire 95-3 (J Vince 25). Hampshire won by 7 wickets.

## JULY

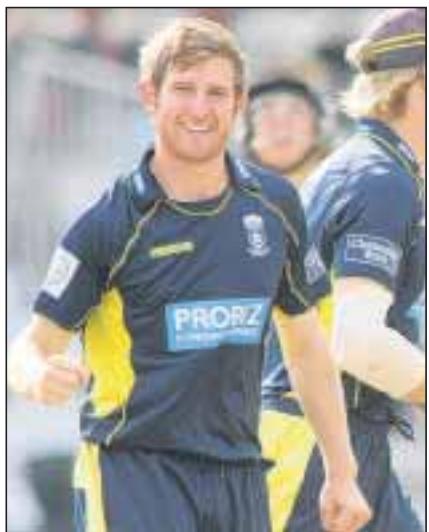
2 Surrey, Kia Oval, FLT20 – Surrey 84-4 (10 overs), Hampshire 63-0 (J Adams 28no, J Vince 24no). Hampshire won by 19 runs (D/L Method)

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



**DOUBLE CELEBRATION:** Simon Katich made sure his son Xavier was included in his post-match celebrations after the finals of the CB40, above, and t20, below.



**SMILE OF SUCCESS:** Liam Dawson at Lord's last weekend.

# REMARKABLE SUMMER OF SUCCESSES

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But Neil McKenzie's masterful 79 not out, Liam Dawson's sparkling 30 and Dimi Mascarenhas's crucial, unbeaten 19 saw Hampshire win off the final ball under the Trent Bridge floodlights.

A month later, Yorkshire were beaten in the final after another thrilling last over that began with the Tykes needing 14.

Chris Wood, Hampshire's baby-faced death bowler, did the rest.

Three weeks later, the CB40 final was similarly dramatic.

Having made another nonsense of their underdog status in beating Sussex by eight wickets in the semi-final at Hove, the Royals overcame Warwickshire amidst incredible scenes at Lord's.

Somehow, Hampshire won on fewer wickets lost after Warwickshire failed to score the seven they needed against Kabir Ali.

What a way to finish the season!

With the scores level, Kabir produced the most important dot ball of his Royals career with what may have been his last delivery for Hampshire.

Neil Carter, who was definitely playing his last game for Warwickshire, must have thought he had done the hard bit when he guided the penultimate ball to the cover boundary.

No-one who was there will forget the scenes that followed.

Next year, promotion in the Championship should be as high on Hampshire's list of priorities as more limited-overs success, following this year's fourth place.

Hampshire lost 110 overs to rain this season, equivalent to around a whole day plus an hour of rain for every four-day match.

They still completed the double against Glamorgan and beat Essex in a one-innings thriller at Chelmsford, before beating Northants by eight wickets after being outplayed for three days.

Those were Hampshire's only wins in the longer form.

But even a Championship campaign that ended in mid-table was the best possible result for this Hampshire side, which will be more ready for the rigours of division one this time next year.

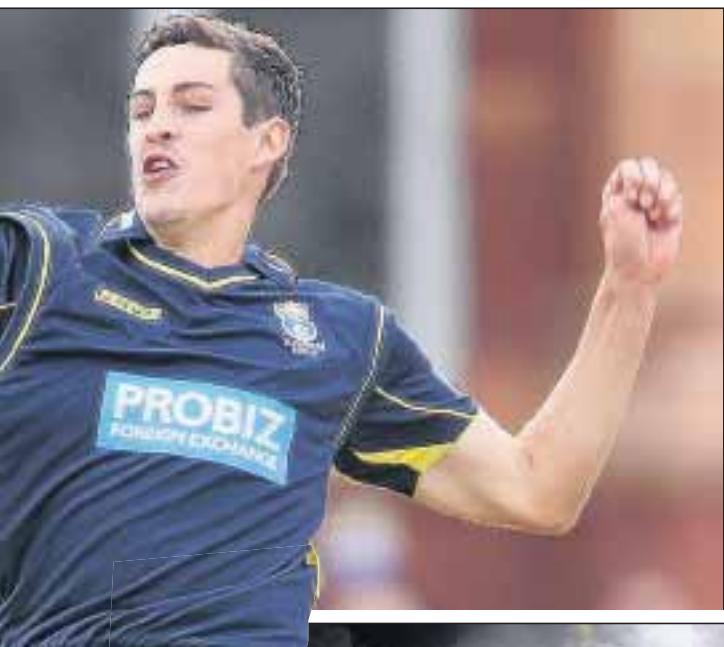
For now, the Champions League beckons.

It will be a surprise if Hampshire do not do very well and at least match Somerset's achievement of last year by reaching the semi-finals.

The treble is on.

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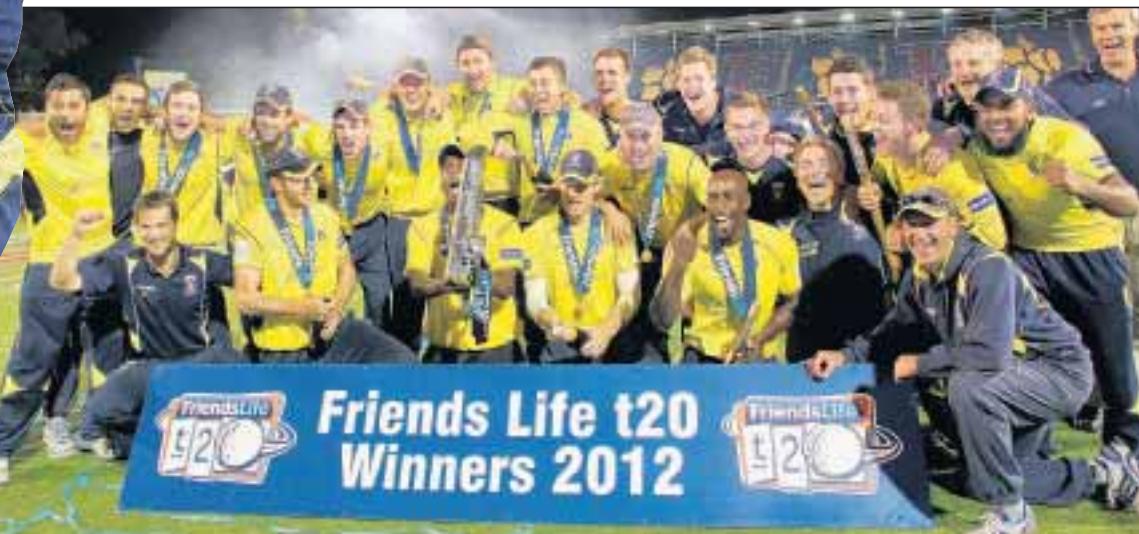
# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



**JOY OF SIX:** Sean Ervine cracks a maximum at Lord's ...



**FIFTY UP:** ... and Ervine salutes his 50 shortly after.



**DOUBLE TOPS:** Hampshire celebrate winning the t20 at Cardiff, above, and the CB40 at Lord's, below.



**JUMPING FOR JOY:**  
Chris Wood celebrates after dismissing Tim Ambrose.

## ROYALS 2012 fixtures

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**6 Sussex (F), h, FLt20**  
Sussex 203-5, abandoned, rain.

**8 Essex (F), h, FLt20**  
Abandoned, rain, no result

**11-14 Yorkshire, h, LVCC**  
Yorkshire 350-9 dec (J Tomlinson 4-80),  
Hampshire 39-0. **Drawn**

**15 Durham, h, CB40**  
Durham 200-7 (K Ali 3-39), Hampshire 201-6 (S Katich 59no, J Vince 40).  
Hampshire won by 4 wickets.

**17 Notts (F), Trent Bridge, CB40**  
Hampshire 230-7 (J Vince 102no), Notts 231-44.  
Hampshire lost by 6 wickets.

**19-22 Essex, Chelmsford, LVCC**  
Hampshire 323 (N McKenzie 139, S Ervine 55) &  
54-0 dec, Essex 18-0 dec and 357 (J Tomlinson  
5-86).  
Hampshire won by 2 runs.

**25 Notts, Trent Bridge, t20 QF**  
Notts 178-7 (Maxwell 3-36), Hampshire 182-6  
(McKenzie 79\*, Dawson 30).  
Hampshire won by four wickets.

**27-30 Kent, h, LVCC**  
Hampshire 292 (J Adams 91) and 186-9 (J  
Adams 86\*), Kent 467 (Tomlinson 4-94).  
Match drawn.

### AUGUST

**6-9 Gloucestershire, Bristol, LVCC**  
Gloucestershire 271 (Ali 3-69) and 277  
(Balcombe 3-51), Hampshire 276 (McKenzie 94)  
and 0-0.  
Match drawn.

**10 Glamorgan (F), SWALEC, CB40**  
Hampshire 227 (McKenzie 88), Glamorgan 120  
(Wood 5-22, Briggs 4-32).  
Hampshire won by 107 runs.

**14 Somerset (F), h, CB40**  
Somerset 228 (S Ervine 3-35), Hampshire 178 (J  
Vince 95).  
Hampshire lost by 50 runs.

**15-18 Northamptonshire, h, LVCC**  
Northants 356 (J Tomlinson 3-66, D Balcombe  
3-58) & 245-8 dec, Hampshire 276 (J Adams 73no)  
and 329-2 (J Adams 149, N McKenzie 76, S  
Katich 61no).  
Hampshire won by 8 wickets.

**19 Surrey, h, CB40**  
Surrey 175-9 (D Griffiths 3-29), Hampshire 179-6  
(M Carberry 54).  
Hampshire won by four wickets.

**21-24 Leics, Grace Road, LVCC**  
Leics 356 (J Tomlinson 5-59) & 265 (S Ervine 3-  
37), Hampshire 181 (S Ervine 58no) & 314 (C  
Wood 105, D Balcombe 73no).  
Hampshire lost by 126 runs.

**25 FLt20 semi-finals, Cardiff**  
Somerset 125-6, Hampshire 126-4 (S Ervine  
34no, M Carberry 33, S Katich 32no).  
Hampshire won by 6 wickets

**25 FLt20 final, Cardiff**  
Hampshire 150-6 (J Adams 43, J Vince 36),  
Yorkshire 140-8 (C Wood 3-26).  
Hampshire won by 10 runs.

**27 Durham, Chester-le-Street, CB40**  
Hampshire 51-1, abandoned.

### SEPTEMBER

**1 Sussex, Hove, CB40 semi-final**  
Sussex 219-9 (S Ervine 3-36), Hampshire 222-2  
(M Carberry 68, J Vince 58, S Katich 47no, J  
Adams 44no).  
Hampshire won by eight wickets

**4-7 Essex, h, LVCC**  
Essex 180 (D Balcombe 4-57, D Griffiths 3-40) &  
473 (D Balcombe 5-103), Hampshire 229 & 302  
(J Adams 139no, L Dawson 90).  
Hampshire lost by 122 runs.

**11-14 Derbyshire, Derby, LVCC**  
Derbyshire 272 (J Vince 114, S Ervine 61) & 198  
(B Shakayat 81), Derbyshire 275 (J Tomlinson 3-  
65, S Ervine 3-25) & 197-4.  
Hampshire lost by six wickets

**15 CB40 final, Warwickshire, Lords**  
Hampshire 244-5 (J Adams 66, S Ervine 57),  
Warwickshire 244-7 (C Wood 3-39).  
Hampshire won by virtue of losing fewer  
wickets.

**FOLLOW HAMPSHIRE IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE IN THE DAILY ECHO**

# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

## Did You Know?

### Royals in top four of all-time

HAMPSHIRE have become one of the top four counties of all time in terms of winning one-day silverware.

Victory in the 2012 CB40 final against Warwickshire at Lord's was the county's 11th one-day cricket trophy.

They have now won the same number of one-day titles as Warwickshire and Kent with Lancashire well out in front with 16 one-day trophies – of which half were won in the 1990s and none since 1999.

Hampshire have now tasted Lord's final success six times.

They won the now defunct Benson & Hedges Cup in 1988 and 1992, and the NatWest Trophy in 1991.

A 13-year trophy drought was ended in 2005 when the Royals won the C & G Trophy, and they also won its successor, the Friends Provident Trophy, four years later.

Hampshire have also won the t20 Cup twice in the last three seasons.

The county's first three one-day wins were in the John Player Sunday League, English cricket's first 40-over league competition.

Hampshire won it in 1975, 1978 – on run rate after Somerset lost their last game by two runs against Essex – and 1986.

Here, the *Sports Pink* lists all the 18 first class counties' one-day successes ...

#### LANCASHIRE – 16

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 7 (1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1990, 1996, 1998)

Sunday/national/pro40 – 5 (1969, 1970, 1989, 1998, 1999)

Benson & Hedges – 4 (1984, 1990, 1995, 1996)

#### HAMPSHIRE – 11

Sunday/national league/pro40 – 4 (1975, 1978, 1986, 2012)

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 3 (1991, 2005, 2009)

Twenty20 Cup – 2 (2010, 2012)

Benson & Hedges cup – 2 (1988, 1992)

#### KENT – 11

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 2 (1967, 1974)

Sunday/national league/pro40 – 5 (1972, 1973, 1976, 1995, 2001)

Twenty20 cup – 1 (2007)

Benson & Hedges – 3 (1973, 1976, 1978)

#### WARWICKSHIRE – 11

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 5 (1966, 1968, 1989, 1993, 1995)

Sunday/national league/pro40 – 3 (1980, 1994, 1997)

CB40 – 1 (2010)

Benson & Hedges – 2 (1994, 2002)

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**THRILLER:** For the second time in three years, Hampshire lifted a one-day cup after the scores had finished level but they had lost fewer wickets. Two years ago it was Somerset in the t20 Cup final, last weekend it was Warwickshire in the CB40 final. Daily Echo photographer Stuart Martin captured the dramatic moments which followed Warwickshire failing to score off the final ball.



**DAILY ECHO AND PINK – BEST FOR HAMPSHIRE COVERAGE**

# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



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## ESSEX – 10

Sunday/national/pro40 – 5 (1981, 1984, 1985, 2005, 2006)  
FP Trophy – 3 (1985, 1997, 2008)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 2 (1979, 1998)

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE – 9

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 5 (1973, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004)  
Sunday/national league/pro40 – 1 (2000)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 3 (1977, 1999, 2000)

## SUSSEX – 9

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 5 (1963, 1964, 1978, 1986, 2006)  
Sunday/national/pro40 – 3 (1982, 2008, 2009)  
Twenty20 cup – 1 (2009)

## SURREY – 8

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 1 (1982)  
CB40 – 1 (2011)  
Sunday/national/pro40 – 2 (1996, 2003)  
Twenty20 cup – 1 (2003)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 3 (1974, 1997, 2001)

## LEICESTERSHIRE – 8

Sunday/national league/pro40 – 2 (1974, 1977)  
Twenty20 cup – 3 (2004, 2006, 2011)  
Benson & Hedges Cup – 3 (1972, 1975, 1985)

## MIDDLESEX – 8

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 4 (1977, 1980, 1984, 1988)  
Sunday/national league/pro40 – 1 (1992)  
Twenty20 cup – 1 (2008)  
Benson & Hedges – 2 (1983, 1986)

## SOMERSET – 7

Sunday/ national league/ pro40 – 1 (1979)  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 3 (1979, 1983, 2001)  
Twenty20 cup – 1 (2005)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 2 (1981, 1982)

## WORCESTERSHIRE – 6

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 1 (1994)  
Sunday/national/pro40 – 4 (1971, 1987, 1988, 2007)  
Benson & Hedges – 1 (1991)

## YORKSHIRE – 5

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 3 (1965, 1969, 2002)  
Sunday/ national league/ pro40 – 1 (1983)  
Benson & Hedges – 1 (1987)

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – 3

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 2 (1976, 1992)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 1 (1980)

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – 3

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 1 (1987)  
Sunday/national league/pro40 – 1 (1991)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 1 (1989)

## DERBYSHIRE – 3

Sunday/national/Pro40 -1 (1990)  
Benson & Hedges cup – 1 (1993)  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy – 1 (1981)

## GLAMORGAN – 3

Sunday/national league/pro40 – 3 (1993, 2002, 2004)

## DURHAM – 1

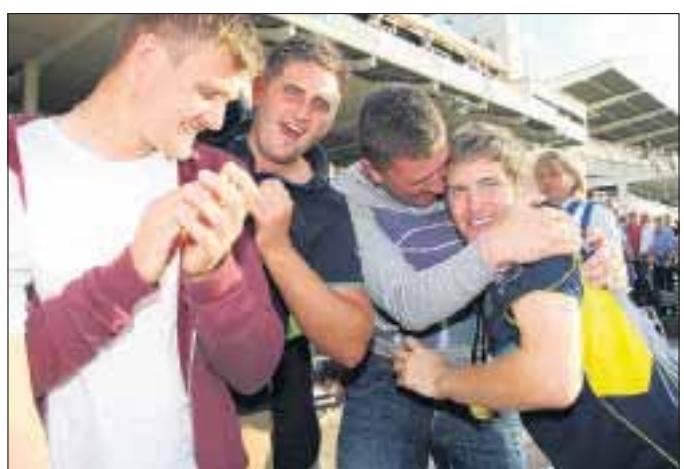
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**HAMPSHIRE PLAYER RATINGS FOR 2012 – PAGES 28/29**



**WELL DONE, SON:** Michael Bates with his parents.



**WELL DONE:** Liam Dawson gets a celebratory hug.



**CUP OF CHEER:** Michael Carberry shows off Hampshire's latest piece of one-day silverware watched by jubilant supporters.



**JOY:** Liam Dawson celebrates with Hampshire fans.



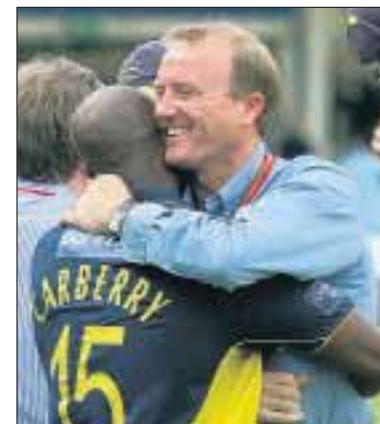
**HUG:** Hampshire chairman Rod Bransgrove embraces Michael Carberry. All pictures by Stuart Martin.



**CELEBRATION TIME:** Liam Dawson, left, and skipper Jimmy Adams enjoy their post-match walkabout.



**FAN-TASTIC:** James Vince and some Hampshire supporters.



**EMBRACE:** Hants legend Shaun Udal and Michael Carberry.



**HUG:** Sean Ervine is congratulated after Hampshire's victory.



**SIGN HERE:** Kabir Ali and some autograph hunters.

# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 MOST RUNS - TOP 20

	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Av
NRD Compton (Sm)	18	6	1191	204*	99.25
CJL Rogers (Mx)	29	2	1086	173	40.22
V Chopra (Wk)	26	1	1028	195	41.12
AG Prince (La)	24	1	1008	144	43.82
<b>JHK Adams (Ham)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>49.35</b>
CD Nash (Sx)	28	2	984	162	37.84
CMW Read (Nt)	24	4	975	104*	48.75
JC Hildreth (Sm)	25	3	946	120	43.00
RR Sarwan (Le)	25	2	941	117	40.91
MJ Lumu (Nt)	23	0	910	171	39.56
BP Nash (Kent)	24	5	908	132*	47.78
WL Madson (Dy)	25	2	885	231*	38.47
SA Northeast (Kent)	17	1	880	165	55.00
JL Denly (Mx)	28	4	840	134*	35.00
EC Joyce (Sx)	24	3	829	108*	39.47
DJ Malan (Mx)	26	0	827	140	31.80
HJH Marshall (Gs)	25	3	822	117*	37.36
WJ Durston (Dy)	25	2	801	121	34.82
RWT Key (Kent)	24	3	797	119	37.95
AD Hales (Nt)	24	1	797	155*	34.65

## LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 MOST WICKETS - TOP 20

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
G Onions (Dur)	959	64	9-67	14.98
CJC Wright (Wk)	1492	62	5-24	24.06
TS Roland-Jones (Mx)	1167	61	6-66	19.13
TJ Murtagh (Mx)	1401	59	5-37	23.74
<b>DJ Balcombe (Ham)</b>	<b>1589</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>8-71</b>	<b>26.93</b>
A Richardson (Wo)	1113	57	6-47	19.52
SJ Magoffin (Sx)	1143	57	7-34	20.05
KHD Barker (Wk)	1166	56	6-40	20.82
AP Palladino (Dy)	1352	56	7-53	24.14
CE Shreck (Kent)	1454	55	5-41	26.43
AR Adams (Nt)	1035	54	7-32	19.16
MS Panesar (Sx)	1227	53	7-60	23.15
MT Coles (Kent)	1146	52	6-51	22.03
JS Patel (Wk)	1161	51	7-75	22.76
PD Trego (Sm)	1554	50	5-53	31.08
SA Patterson (Yor)	999	48	5-77	20.81
DD Masters (Es)	873	46	7-60	18.97
WRS Gimman (Gs)	943	44	4-53	21.43
SC Meaker (Sy)	993	44	8-52	22.56
DJ Wainwright (Dy)	1380	44	6-33	31.3

## LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 HAMPSHIRE BATTING

	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Ave
JHK Adams	25	5	987	149	49.35
SM Katich	23	2	738	196	35.14
SM Ervine	23	3	696	109*	34.80
LA Dawson	25	2	682	134*	29.65
MD Bates	22	0	437	103	19.86
JM Vince	18	1	417	114	24.52
MA Carberry	18	2	414	84*	25.87
ND McKenzie	9	3	403	139	67.16
CP Wood	14	1	318	105*	24.46
DJ Balcombe	22	7	299	73	19.93
BM Shafayat	10	0	289	93	28.90
K Ali	9	1	140	31	17.50
AD Mascalheras	5	0	79	27	15.80
H Riazuddin	6	1	68	28	13.60
DR Briggs	6	2	49	20*	12.25
JA Tomlinson	14	7	45	11	6.42
SP Terry	4	0	34	19	8.50
DA Griffiths	6	1	27	21	5.40

## LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 HAMPSHIRE BOWLING

	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave
DJ Balcombe	1589	59	8-71	26.93
JA Tomlinson	1131	43	5-69	26.30
SM Ervine	689	26	4-96	26.50
LA Dawson	829	23	5-29	36.04
K Ali	769	22	3-42	34.95
CP Wood	683	19	4-52	35.94
H Riazuddin	240	10	5-61	24.00
DA Griffiths	316	9	3-40	35.11
AD Mascalheras	241	7	2-40	34.42
DR Briggs	249	5	2-79	49.80
SM Katich	93	2	1-22	46.50
JHK Adams	4	1	1-4	4.00
MA Carberry	19	1	1-1	19.00
JM Vince	6	0	-	-
BM Shafayat	15	0	-	-

## LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 DIVISION 2 FINAL TABLE

P	W	L	D	BTBW	DD	Pts
Derbyshire	16	6	2	8	31 43	0.00 194
Yorkshire	16	5	0	11	41 40	0.00 194
Kent	16	4	3	9	39 40	0.00 170
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28 40</b>	<b>0.00 153</b>
Essex	16	3	3	10	27 40	0.00 145
Glamorgan	16	3	6	7	28 35	1.00 131
Leics	16	3	10	24	33 5.00	130
Northants	16	2	5	9	37 34	0.00 130
Gloucs	16	3	6	7	22 35	0.00 126

**LOVELY BUBBLY:** Hampshire celebrate, main picture.

**WELL DONE:** Michael Carberry, bottom left and right, celebrates with young supporters.

**WE'VE DONE IT (AGAIN!):** Hampshire players and fans, facing page, after last weekend's CB40 final success.



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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



**TOP RUNSCORER:**  
Michael Carberry celebrates his hundred for Hampshire against Scotland in the CB40.

## CB40 2012 – MOST RUNS

	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Ave
MA Carberry (Ham)	9	2	598	148*	85.42
SC Moore (La)	13	2	581	113	52.81
MD Stoneman (Dur)	10	2	554	136*	69.75
JM Vince (Ham)	13	3	554	102*	55.40
SJ Croft (La)	13	4	513	82	57.00
PJ Hughes (Wo)	9	3	498	111	83.00
P Mustard (Dur)	10	0	475	143	47.50
V Chopra (Wk)	11	2	472	110	52.44
GS Ballance (Yor)	11	3	469	103*	58.62
DJ Malan (Mx)	10	2	445	134	55.62
LJ Wright (Sx)	8	1	418	122	59.71
VS Solanki (Wo)	11	1	401	121	40.10

## CB40 2012 – MOST WICKETS

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
A Shahzad (La)	431	21	4-51	20.52
DI Stevens (Kent)	326	20	5-36	16.30
G Keedy (La)	401	20	5-55	20.05
CJC Wright (Wk)	416	20	3-43	20.80
JD Shanty (Wo)	490	19	4-32	24.50
DR Briggs (Ham)	410	19	4-32	21.57
CP Wood (Ham)	511	19	5-22	26.89
MT Coles (Kent)	281	17	6-32	16.52
ML Turner (Dy)	408	17	4-38	24.00
C Rushworth (Dur)	280	15	5-31	18.66
TD Groenewald (Dy)	320	15	3-30	21.33
PD Trego (Sm)	372	15	3-26	24.80
SR Patel (Nt)	428	15	3-47	28.53

## CB40 2012 HAMPSHIRE BATTING

	Ins	No	Rns	HS	Ave
MA Carberry	9	2	598	148*	85.42
JM Vince	13	3	554	102*	55.40
JHK Adams	12	2	333	66	33.30
SM Ervine	10	2	218	68	27.25
SM Katich	11	4	213	59	30.42
ND McKenzie	6	0	181	88	30.16
LA Dawson	9	2	117	36	16.71
AD Mascalheras	3	0	89	48	29.66
K Ali	4	1	58	32	19.33
DR Briggs	4	1	42	25	14.00
MD Bates	5	1	37	16	9.25
CP Wood	5	1	30	16	7.50
H Riazuddin	2	0	8	8	4.00
DA Griffiths	3	3	5	4*	-



**TOP WICKET-TAKER:**  
Danny Briggs celebrates a wicket in the win against Scotland.

## CB40 2012 HAMPSHIRE BOWLING

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
DR Briggs	410	19	4-32	21.57
CP Wood	511	19	5-22	26.89
DA Griffiths	318	12	3-29	26.60
SM Ervine	292	11	3-35	26.54
K Ali	256	10	3-39	25.60
LA Dawson	381	7	2-28	54.42
AD Mascalheras	172	6	2-17	28.66
MA Carberry	8	1	1-8	8.00
SM Katich	51	1	1-9	51.00
H Riazuddin	53	0	-	-



**DAILY ECHO AND PINK – A WINNING CRICKET COMBINATION**

# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



# Jim fixes it for Royals

## KABIR ALI

He saved the most memorable performance of his Hampshire career for the CB40 final, conceding just six runs from that thrilling last over to clinch victory. But more injuries meant he only played half of Hampshire's LV County Championship games, taking 22 wickets at 34.9, and he was expensive in his four t20 outings. Kabir had only played one limited-overs games in two seasons with Hampshire before making 11 appearances in the Royals' double success this season.

It remains to be seen whether his performance at Lord's last week will persuade Hampshire to offer him a new contract.

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## DAVID BALCOMBE

With 59 wickets at 26.9 apiece, he was LV County Championship division two's leading wicket-taker in his first season as a Hampshire regular. Did not play a single limited-overs match to ensure he stayed rested for the longer form, following back surgery during the winter. It proved a winning formula.

He still finished the season as Hampshire's leading wicket-taker in all competitions.

The 27-year-old did not look back after claiming a career-best 8-71 in the first game against Gloucestershire.

It begged the question why he had not been used more by the county.

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## MICHAEL BATES

Exemplary as ever behind the stumps, he also made strides with the bat.

Scored his maiden first-class hundred in an Championship match against Yorkshire at Headingley in May.

And while there is still plenty of room for improvement with the bat, it was hardly needed in the Friends Life t20 and Clydesdale Bank 40 success, so strong was Hampshire's top order.

His ability to stand up to the stumps against most of Hampshire's attack was a big factor in the county's limited-overs success. It is hard to quantify how many runs his keeping is worth.

Priceless.

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## DANNY BRIGGS

Hampshire's most effective CB40 bowler, taking 19 wickets at 21.6, before his England World t20 call-up provoked mixed emotions, cruelly denying him the chance to play in a Lord's final.

His five wickets at 49.8 in only four Championship appearances represents his least successful season in the longer form since breaking into the side as a teenager. That was due to a combination of Liam Dawson's progress and the appalling weather, but it has not done his development as a four-day bowler any good.

He was not as prolific as he has been in the t20, but was outstanding when it really mattered in that penultimate over of the final against Yorkshire.

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## MICHAEL CARBERRY

It will take something special for the 31-year-old to add to his one England Test cap after being left out of the England Performance Programme squad as well as the Test party for the forthcoming India tour.

His Championship form did not help his cause (414 runs at 25.8) but that was largely due to the freak knee injury he suffered ducking a bouncer from an academy player during a net session.

It ruled him out for two months but Carberry showed tremendous strength of character to recover in time for t20 Finals Day.

And despite his injury lay-off he was still the CB40's leading run scorer, with 598 at 85.42 – including a magnificent 68 in the semi-final demolition of Sussex.

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## LIAM DAWSON

Gave Hampshire's side balance in all formats. His 35 catches at second slip were a feature of Hampshire's Championship season, but this was also the season where he established himself as a frontline spinner. His 23 Championship wickets at 36 represents, by some distance, his best first-class haul since breaking into the Hampshire team, when his opportunities were soon limited by Imran Tahir and Danny Briggs's progress.

And he was even more economical than Briggs when the pair played together in both CB40 and t20.

Only Dimi Mascarenhas conceded fewer than Dawson's 4.6 per over in the CB40 and the slow left-arm bowler bowled a lot of his overs with the new ball during powerplays.

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## SEAN ERVINE

The all-rounder was named Players' Player of the Year at the club's awards night last Sunday, after a consistent season with bat and ball in all competitions.

Ervine's 26 wickets at 26.5 rivals the 42 scalps at 32 in 2005 as his best performance with the ball in the Championship in eight seasons with Hampshire.

He has revelled in his role as an impact bowler, bowling quicker (his 50.8 strike rate betters Tomlinson and Balcombe) than he has done since the knee injury he suffered at the end of his debut season seven years ago.

Ervine saved one of his best innings of the season for last week's CB40 final, his 57 helping defeat Warwickshire as his century did against the same opponents in 2005.

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## DAVID GRIFFITHS

Only played four Championship matches and was jettisoned after one expensive Friends Life t20 outing, the fourth of his career.

But he finished his season by helping Hampshire win the Clydesdale Bank 40 trophy at Lord's.

Only Danny Briggs and Chris Wood took more than his 12 CB40 wickets, none more valuable than the scalp of Ian Bell with his final delivery of the season at Lord's last week.

Griffiths showed that he had the temperament to perform on the big occasion at Lord's, excelling under pressure against Bell.

Now 27, the fast-medium bowler made ten of his 18 one-day career appearances this season, but nine Championship wickets at 35.1 was a disappointing return.

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## SIMON KATICH

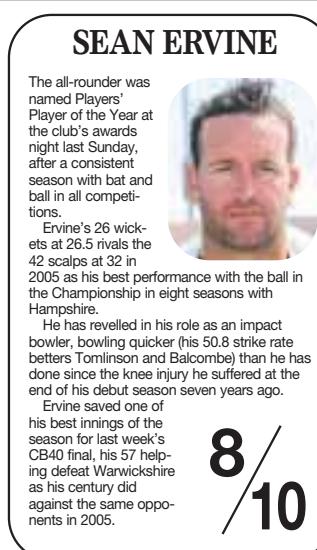
It remains to be seen whether the Australian will be back at The Ageas Bowl next season, but if Hampshire's Lord's final win was his last game it will be a fitting way to go out.

Not at his best in the Championship (738 runs at 35.14), Katich was initially left out of the t20 side but, ironically, his experience proved invaluable in the shortest format.

It was supposed to be the competition which he missed to focus on the longer form. But only Glenn Maxwell averaged more – Katich scoring his 165 t20 runs at 41.25 – and he scored less than 25 only once in six innings after replacing the injured Michael Carberry in June.

Was also inconsistent in the CB40, his unbeaten 35 in the final a crucial knock.

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# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



# to enjoy great season!

## Skipper Adams is Daily Echo cricket writer Simon Walter's Hampshire player of the year - and this is why ...

**JIMMY ADAMS**  
NO player reached 1,000 runs in the LV County Championship's second division - but Hampshire's captain topped the run charts with 987 at 49.3.

It was an achievement made all the more impressive by the fact that this was his first full season as captain, that he missed two games in May due to "personal reasons" as well as the fact that Hampshire lost more time to rain than any other county during the wettest season on record.

He led from the front brilliantly. There was no sign of the captaincy adversely affecting his form.

If anything, he played better for it as he was least successful in the Friends Life t20 (although he scored a vital 43 in the final against Yorkshire), the competition in which Hampshire were

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marshalled by Dimi Mascarenhas.

Had it not been for the rain and the difficulties he had earlier in the season, he would surely have passed 1,000 Championship runs for the fourth time and maybe even surpassed Nick Compton's 1,191 with the biggest aggregate in the country.

After the season he had, he deserved to be talked of more highly than he was as a potential replacement for Andrew Strauss.

Maybe playing in division two was the reason he was barely mentioned and why his Hampshire teammate Michael Carberry was also left out of both tour parties.

But that did not stop the selectors plumping for Joe Root, who scored 738 division two runs at 35.14 - and (an unbeaten) 222 of those came against Hampshire at

### The Ageas Bowl.

Adams' season was typified by his performance in the penultimate Championship game against Essex, when he carried his bat for the first time in his career as Hampshire suffered the defeat that ended their promotion chances.

But it ended in glorious fashion and he will remember it most for the match-winning 66 which, together with his outstanding captaincy, led to Hampshire lifting the CB40 trophy at Lord's.

Adams' fielding was also as good as ever.

Only Michael Bates and Liam Dawson took more than his 13 catches in the Championship and the two catches he held at short extra cover in the CB40 final were crucial.

Now he will have his sights set on his former Auckland Aces teammates in Hampshire's opening Champions League qualifier next month...

**9/10**

## NEIL MCKENZIE

Initially signed as a t20 specialist, Michael Carberry's knee injury meant he played an additional five Championship matches. He responded by topping the Hampshire averages with 403 runs at 67.2.

But his form in the shortest format was poor before he produced arguably the best innings of Hampshire's season in the t20 quarter final against Notts at Trent Bridge.

Maxwell's unbeaten 79 from 49 balls meant Hampshire reached their target off the final ball, despite being reduced to 78-5, chasing 179, at halfway.

He did not produce his best at Finals Day or at Lord's - having won back for the latter especially - but he was also an invaluable sounding board for Jimmy Adams.

**8/10**

## DIMI MASCARENHAS

Captained Hampshire to the FL t20 title after bowling two match-winning spells at Finals Day, despite nursing a shoulder injury that ruled him out for the rest of the season.

Saved his best for the big occasion, taking 2-11 and 2-20 against Somerset and Yorkshire.

Injuries and his IPL stint with Kings XI Punjab at the start of the season restricted him to just five appearances in the County Championship.

But he was Hampshire's most economical bowler in both limited-overs competitions.

And only Mitchell Starc (Yorkshire), Chris Liddle (Sussex) and Reece Topley (Essex) took more than his 15 t20 wickets.

Missed the CB40 final to ensure his fitness for the Champions League.

**8/10**

## GLENN MAXWELL

Hampshire would never have made it from the FL t20 group stage had it not been for the Australian's heroics.

The Royals looked like they would struggle to progress after losing their opening two games.

But then Maxwell blasted an astonishing 66 not out from only 32 balls to lead Hampshire to victory against Kent at Tunbridge Wells.

It was the catalyst for Hampshire's season. Five days later, Maxwell's unbeaten 60 from only 24 balls (half his runs came in one Tim Phillips over), ensured victory over Essex at Chelmsford.

His off-spin was also more than useful. Having missed Finals Day following his Australia call-up, his return to the Hampshire ranks for the Champions League is a considerable boost to the Royals' chances.

**9/10**

## HAMZA RIAZUDDIN

It must have been a difficult season for the former Hampshire academy star, who was surplus to requirements as his contemporaries won the limited-overs double.

But it was a summer that began with much promise. He was the hero in a dramatic two-wicket Championship win against Glamorgan in May, taking 5-61 before hitting the winning runs in the Cardiff gloom back in April.

Since then the all-rounder's season has been most notable for an ECB reprimand for dissent, while playing for the second XI.

Has been earmarked as a future replacement for Dimi Mascarenhas, but is now out-of-contract.

**6/10**

## BILAL SHAFAYAT

His career was given a lifeline by Hampshire after he scored 93 on debut against Derbyshire in May. But he did not pass 50 again until making 81 in his last innings of the season against Derbyshire.

Averaged 28.9 with the bat in the Championship and in his one limited-overs appearance - the CB40 semi-final against Sussex at Hove - he had a bad day in the field before Hampshire's top order ensured he was not required to bat.

Now out of contract, he may get one last chance next season. But he may have to

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## SEAN TERRY

The son of former Hampshire manager Paul Terry, he made 59 on his first-class debut against Loughborough UCCE.

But then he was suddenly promoted to open the batting - a tough ask for a newcomer at anytime but especially in damp, early-season conditions - in the County Championship.

With Jimmy Adams unavailable due to 'personal reasons', Terry was thrust in as the captain's replacement.

It was a tall order and he was dropped after scoring 34 runs at 8.5.

Did not feature in Hampshire's limited-overs success.

**5/10**

## JAMES TOMLINSON

Like David Balcombe, he was an LV County Championship specialist and he topped Hampshire's averages with 43 wickets at 26.3.

It is the third occasion the 30-year-old has taken more than 40 Championship wickets in a season.

His haul included 5-86 in the dramatic two-run win against Essex at Chelmsford and 5-69 against Leicestershire at Grace Rd last month.

Tomlinson's experience with the new ball also helped him claim a nine-wicket haul during one innings of a second XI Championship match.

**8/10**

## JAMES VINCE

Did not show what he is capable of in the County Championship before scoring 114 in the last game - a dead rubber at Derbyshire.

He was even dropped from Hampshire's four-day team in June, a wake-up call for one of the county's most talented young batsmen.

But Vince has always considered himself a limited-overs player and was brilliant in both the CB40 and the Friends Life t20.

Only three players - Carberry, Stephen Moore and Mark Stoneman - scored more CB40 runs and he was Hampshire's leading t20 run scorer by some distance (254).

Found his best form as the season drew to a close, hitting a wonderful 58 in the CB40 semi-final at Sussex, where he and Carberry were breathtakingly good.

**8/10**

## CHRIS WOOD

His season will be remembered for two brilliant bowling performances on county cricket's biggest stages; the finals of the two limited-overs competitions.

Wood's well-directed yorkers against Yorkshire ensured the county won the t20 final at Cardiff.

And he kept Hampshire in the Clydesdale Bank 40 final with three big wickets, finishing with 3-39.

Only David Balcombe took more than his 47 wickets in all cricket.

He could prove to be the brightest of Hampshire's starlets as his batting is also improving rapidly, as he showed by hitting his maiden first-class century - an unbeaten 105 - at Leicestershire on the eve of Finals Day.

**8/10**

# Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



## FRIENDS LIFE T20 2012 HAMPSHIRE BATTING

	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Ave
JM Vince	10	2	254	64*	31.75
JHK Adams	10	1	195	43	21.66
SM Ervine	8	3	190	75*	38.00
GJ Maxwell	7	3	179	66*	44.75
SM Katich	6	2	165	42*	41.25
ND McKenzie	9	3	140	79*	23.33
MA Carberry	5	0	83	33	16.60
AD Mascarenhas	4	2	54	21	27.00
LA Dawson	3	1	47	30	23.50
K Ali	2	2	25	13*	

## FRIENDS LIFE T20 2012 HAMPSHIRE BOWLING

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave
AD Mascarenhas	247	15	2-11	16.46
LA Dawson	218	9	2-10	24.22
CP Wood	282	9	3-26	31.33
GJ Maxwell	182	7	3-36	26.00
SM Ervine	201	6	2-22	33.50
DR Briggs	261	6	2-28	43.50
DA Griffiths	40	1	1-40	40.00
K Ali	122	1	1-31	122.00

## FRIENDS LIFE T20 2012 MOST RUNS

	Ins	No	Rns	HS	Ave
PJ Hughes (Worcs)	8	4	402	87*	100.50
DA Miller (Yor)	11	3	390	74*	48.75
CD Nash (Sx)	10	2	319	80*	39.87



**FIRST PART OF THE DOUBLE:** Dimi Mascarenhas with the t20 Cup last month.

	8	3	313	65*	62.60
LJ Wright (Sx)	10	1	312	91	34.66
HH Gibbs (Dur)	9	2	277	83*	39.57
PR Stirling (Mx)	7	1	271	82*	45.16
JS Foster (Es)	10	2	270	65*	33.75
Abdul Razzaq (Leics)	9	0	266	69	29.55
PA Jaques (Yor)	11	1	263	64	26.30
MW Goodwin (Sx)	9	1	262	68*	32.75
<b>JM Vince (Ham)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>64*</b>	<b>31.75</b>
MJ Lumb (Nt)	8	1	252	62	36.00
SC Moore (La)	8	0	249	80	31.12
MJ Prior (Sx)	6	0	249	81	41.50
JEC Franklin (Es)	10	1	248	78	27.55
ML Pettin (Es)	10	0	242	59	24.20
JE Root (Yor)	11	2	241	65	26.77
V Chopra (Wk)	7	2	240	56*	48.00
HJH Marshall (Gs)	7	0	239	72	34.14

## FRIENDS LIFE T20 2012 MOST WICKETS

	Runs	Wkts	BB	Av
MA Starc (Yor)	218	21	3-24	10.38
CJ Liddle (Sx)	203	17	5-17	11.94
RJW Topley (Es)	246	17	3-19	14.47
<b>AD Mascarenhas (Ham)</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2-11</b>	<b>16.46</b>
RM Pyrah (Yor)	359	15	3-21	23.93
MA Ashraf (Yor)	359	15	4-18	23.93
AJ Ball (Kent)	217	12	2-18	18.08
SG Borthwick (Dur)	240	12	2-19	20.00
ID Saxelby (Gs)	160	11	4-16	14.54
GJ Batty (Sx)	162	11	4-13	14.72
DKH Mitchell (Wo)	171	11	3-13	15.54
RJ Sidebottom (Yor)	177	11	4-25	16.09
TS Roland-Jones (Mx)	228	11	4-25	20.72
Azeem Rafiq (Yor)	310	11	2-28	28.18
GM Smith (Es)	146	10	5-17	14.60
RN ten Doeschate (Es)	181	10	5-17	18.10
GK Berg (Mx)	205	10	3-17	20.50
Azhar Mahmood (Kent)	212	10	3-12	21.20

**WE'VE DONE IT:** Liam Dawson celebrates with a stump after Hampshire's thrilling second one-day trophy victory in a matter of weeks at Lord's in the CB40 final.



**CELEBRATION TIME:**  
Top (from left) –  
Jimmy Adams with the  
CB40 trophy, Chris  
Wood celebrates dis-  
missing Tim Ambrose,  
and Adams has just  
caught Varun Chopra  
off Wood's bowling.

# Adam Rant



This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**



KEVIN PIETERSEN

# Wrong for KP to remain in cold

YOU have to wonder whether we will ever see Kevin Pietersen playing for England again.

The batsman was left out of the squad to tour India this winter, and that may well push him towards becoming the mega-rich freelance cricketer he could easily become.

Of course we are not privileged to all the conversations that have taken place behind closed doors, but so much of this summer's Pietersen saga has been played out in public it's not too hard to put the pieces together.

For Adam Rant's money, the ECB may have just made a major error.

Their stand over Pietersen during the summer was justified.

They were right to not pander to his demands as he changed his mind over his availability, and to take a hard line over the texting to South Africa players during a Test match.

But he has been pretty repentant of late and has made it clear that he wants to play for England.

That has taken a bit of pride swallowing on his behalf.

The ECB had to consider whether Pietersen had been contrite enough to get back in and what his presence, or absence, from the dressing room may do.

On the first count he seems to have said sorry, and if he has genuine concerns over other things going on he is

quite correct to raise them.

On the second, ideally you want a united dressing room but his absence makes England likely to lose the series, possibly heavily, and what does that do for team spirit?

These are not easy calls, but it just seemed that the time was right to draw a line under it and move on.

Perhaps the ECB want to prove a point, to try and force Pietersen to change his plans, to ditch some lucrative tournaments in order to play county cricket and persuade them he really wants to come back.

But that is asking a lot.

There is getting somebody to swallow their pride, to come back cap in hand,

and then there is risking pushing them over the edge.

Pietersen is a wonderful batsman, even if he does seem from a distance a complicated character who can be too volatile and egotistical for his own good at times.

Maybe, though, it's those qualities that fire him to such greatness.

It just felt like the perfect time for both sides to make concessions and make this happen.

Now it hasn't, can you really blame for Pietersen if he decides to take the money elsewhere?

If that happens then both Pietersen and England have lost out, and what a terrible state of affairs that would be.

# Nothing to cheer in Hatton return

**THERE is something that is always slightly sickening about hearing of a boxer coming out of retirement.**

It really is a sport where you are best to stay out when you get out.

Most boxers usually decide to hang up their gloves for all the right reasons – they've enjoyed the best days of their careers, they've earned all they should from it and they want to escape before they get hurt.

They usually come back for all the wrong reasons.

Normally it's for the money, or perhaps they just haven't been able to fill that void in their lives the sport has left and are desperately trying to regain what they once had.

Very few ever make a particularly successful return.

So it was with a heavy heart that Adam Rant learned of Ricky Hatton's decision to return to the ring.

Hatton, pictured, is a legend in British boxing, a two-weight world champion whose place in history is assured.

But his day has been, he did escape with money in the bank, his health still intact and a legacy too.

That is really all you could ask for, so why on earth come back?

Surely he hasn't spent all that money already, so it can only be to fill that sporting void.

Since giving up boxing, Hatton has had well documented problems away from the ring.

It is again a sad example of a sportsman just not able to cope in the outside world.

When you are a professional sportsman your day is structured for you.

Your life is one of discipline and sacrifice.

Even for Hatton, notorious for letting his hair down for weeks at a time after fights, he was soon whipping himself back into shape ready for the next contest.

When that is taken away it leaves a massive hole.

Nobody says these guys shouldn't miss it, that it isn't hard, but retired is the best way to be for a 33-year-old boxer who took some sickening punches in his last fight against Manny Pacquiao.

As much as Hatton wouldn't wanted to have retired on a loss, the time was right to get out before any serious damage was done.

Unless he is intent on knocking over a few bums – and that has never been Hatton's way, the warrior that he is – then he is taking big risks.

It's hard to see in terms of legacy what fights he can honestly get and win at this stage that will enhance him in the eyes of boxing fans.

Of course it's Ricky Hatton's life and Ricky Hatton's decision, but despite having enjoyed his career and some great fights Adam Rant cannot find any reason to cheer this return to the ring.

## Staying power

STEVE Kean, below, has had about as rough a time as you possibly could as a football manager.

But he is still clinging on in there at Blackburn and starting to achieve some success.

He really has been through the mill and you almost have to pinch yourself to believe he is still at Ewood Park.



It is hard to imagine him surviving any sustained rough patch this season, but you have to hand it to him for sticking with it when at times he must have wondered whether it was all worth it.

## Hard act to follow

AS the dust settles on Hampshire's season, it's fair to reflect on what an incredible success it has been.

The domestic one-day cricket double is remarkable for a team of whom very little was expected before the season started.

It's going to be tough to follow up next year, but maybe a good tilt at promotion in the County Championship should be the main aim for Jimmy Adams, pictured above, and his men.

For now, though, they have earned the right to have a good winter.



## GOODWOOD REVIVAL

words: Glynn Williams



**CHICANERY:** Anthony Reid's Jaguar kicks up the dust in pursuit of Rob Huff's Austin A40 in the first St Mary's Trophy race for saloons.



**SILVER ARROW:** Sir Jackie Stewart at the wheel of a pre-war Mercedes.



**FANFARE:** Sir Stirling Moss on the eve of his 83rd birthday this week.



**SERIOUS STUFF:** Young drivers prepare for the first Settrington Cup pedal car race in 40-year-old J40 Austins.



**VICTORIOUS:** St Mary's Trophy winners Anthony Reid, left, and Justin Law, right, with team boss Don Law.

# GLORIOUS AT GOODWOOD

**Stars upstaged by £300m Ferrari 250 GTO parade**

**A CAPPED and frocked 146,000 motor sport enthusiasts and retro-fashion fans flocked to last weekend's 15th Goodwood Revival to join in the fun and celebrations at the world's largest historic motor race meeting.**

The Revival is firmly established as a 'must attend' event, drawing enthusiasts and teams from around the world, the vast majority of spectators dressed in their finest 1940s, 1950s and 1960s fashions, with tweed jackets and pleated skirts abounding in the early autumn sunshine.

On the track, a daily parade of cars associated with the distinguished motor racing career of American driver and team owner Dan Gurney was held, culminating in a colourful tribute to the great man on Sunday, with Lord March paying tribute, as the marching band played, Gurney cars formed-up on the Goodwood grid, American Mustang aircraft displayed overhead, and fireworks and tickertape flew.

The 50th anniversaries of two iconic sports cars were marked by Goodwood, with a daily parade of £300m worth of Ferrari 250 GTOs, plus a dedicated Shelby Cup race, consisting entirely of Cobras, with the race victory on Saturday falling to Rob Hall and Andrew Wolfe.

A once-in-a-lifetime gathering of Silver Arrows saw a lively demonstration each day of the Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union racers vigorously tackling the Goodwood circuit - made to race at up to 200mph, this could never be a serene cruise!

The bodywork for one of the Auto Union cars had been recreated by

specialists at the now retired Rod Jolley's Lymington company, and racer Rod was on form as ever, taking second place laurels in the Richmond & Gordon Trophy race with his 1958 Cooper-Climax.

The first Settrington Cup pedal car racing was a fabulous addition to the Revival this year, with exciting on-track action and some of the most memorable images of the whole event, all enhanced by the magical and thoroughly informed commentary of the legendary Murray Walker from the New Forest.

This two-part contest for junior racers in their Austin J40 pedal cars saw victory on the second day falling to the rapid Florence Hall, who trounced 18 boys to triumph while the overall winner on aggregate was

Lord March's nephew George Collings, who won Part 1.

The quality of motorised racing was exceptional throughout the Revival weekend, with many nail-biting races and some thrills and spills along the way.

Racing highlights included the gripping St Mary's Trophy for 1950s saloon cars, with Justin Law and Anthony Reid taking the hard-fought victory in a 3.4 Jaguar Mk 1 after dramatic dicing with Grant Williams in his similar car who won the second race despite gearbox problems that meant he had to hold the car in every gear bar top!

The £175m car grid for the Royal Automobile Club Tourist Trophy Celebration also made for exciting competition, with victory for the mighty Jaguar E-type 'Lightweight' of F1 stars Martin Brundle and car owner and Red Bull Racing designer Adrian Newey.

The result was all the more remarkable as Newey spun off at St Mary's on the first lap as Gary Pearson challenged in his similar car and Newey had to watch the entire field go by before he could return trackside!

Delighted racer and TV presenter Tiff Needell from Salisbury was third in a similar car.

This year's Freddie March Memorial Trophy 'night race' was a special 90-minute competition into dusk, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the first Goodwood Nine Hour race.

It was a fabulous spectacle, evoking the sights and sounds of a bygone age, with first place going to John Young and Alex Bumcombe in a Jaguar C-type, who drove a dominant race, despite a pit stop to fix a faulty light.



**IN THE FAMILY:** Lord March's nephew George Collings congratulated by Sir Stirling after winning the first pedal car race for overall victory, and second race winner Florence Hall, right.



**TOP FORM:** The New Forest's commenting legend Murray Walker.

# GOODWOOD REVIVAL

pictures: Glynn Williams



**VICTORIOUS:** TT Celebration winners Martin Brundle and Red Bull F1 team designer Adrian Newey.



**LAURELS:** Lymington's Rod Jolley was second in the Richmond & Gordon Trophy race.



**AVIATION SPIRIT:** The Catalina dwarfed most other aircraft in the Freddie March display reflecting Goodwood's air base heritage, celebrated too by the Spitfires, below.



**RED LINE:** This is what £300m of Ferraris looks like, the 250 GTO Celebration field.



**DELIGHTED:** Tiff Needell from Salisbury, right and Joaquin Folch-Rusinol were third in the TT with a 1961 Jaguar E-type.

## GOODWOOD REVIVAL HIGH SPOTS

- The sell-out 2012 Goodwood Revival had a record 146,000 spectators
- Memorable tributes included the largest ever gathering of pre-war Silver Arrows Mercedes-Benz and Auto Union racers, plus £300m-worth of Ferrari 250 GTOs
- Goodwood honoured all-American motor racing hero Dan Gurney in style
- The inaugural Settrington Cup race for Austin J40 pedal cars was a huge success
- Famous faces spotted at the Revival included Ewan McGregor, Kim Cattrall, Eva Longoria, Rowan Atkinson and Take That's Howard Donald
- Spectacular historic motor racing and heroic air displays
- Concours victory for Bentley in the RAC Earls Court Motor Show, with the Beech Staggerwing taking the laurels in the Freddie March Spirit of Aviation historic aircraft display
- Shoppers and party-goers flocked to the Revival Market and High Street, plus the new Over The Road street party



**STAR ATTRACTION:** Star Wars actor and long distance racer Ewan McGregor with chief paddock marshal Christine Reddington from Fair Oak.

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# Non-league Football



**SG SPORTS:** Back row (from left): Eric Greenough, Jimmy Greenough, Ashley Gardner, Glen Cattle, Daniel Nichols, Anthony Gardner, Niel Curon, Gregg Baddams. Front: Shaun Greenough, Peter Greenough, Connor Greenough, Jason Davies, Matthew Perry, Daniel Porter, Kly Williams.



**CHANDLERS FORD:** Narrowly missed out on promotion last season. Expect them to go one better this time around.



**ATHLETICO ROMSEY**

**SOUTH COAST SPORTS:** Back row (from left): Kieran Scott, Josh Tarrant, James Alexander, Elliott Osbaldstone, Nathan Isaacs, Josh Ferguson, Lewis Bailey, Luke Chilton, Brandon Matthews. Front: Luke Charlton, Danny Charlton, Jordan Owton, Drew McKay, Reece Coleman, Daryl Gilmartin, Nathan Taylor, Shane Grist, Jake Alexander.



**TODAY'S NON-LEAGUE RESULTS - SEE BACK PAGE**

## Good Sports the ones to watch

**HAVING** looked at the Senior, Veterans and Junior divisions 1-3, this week sees Rod Sutherland's final part of his Drew Smith Southampton League preview for 2012/13 with a look at Junior divisions 4-6.

Once again, apologies to anyone offended by the opinions expressed below ...

### JUNIOR 4

1) S G Sports, 2) New Forest, 3) Chandlers Ford.

#### Wild card: Botley Village.

I fancy SG Sports, who play some super football, led by the Greenough family and Matt Perry.

Previous Junior 6 rivals New Forest Reserves may well succeed again at this level.

Botley Village, new boys Applewood Joinery and Vase semi-finalists Chandlers Ford are the pick of this section.

Horton Heath had a great season last time and could build on that by mounting a challenge.

### JUNIOR 5

1) Rover, 2) FC Wellington Res, 3) Athletico Romsey.

#### Wild card: AFC Phoenix XI.

New team Rover have a pick of five-a-side teams to choose from and may be too strong for the rest.

FC Wellington Reserves, a new team led by Jamie Mogridge, should be a force at this level.

Athletico Romsey have shown well in pre-season and ended last term strongly. They will hope to take that form into league action this time around.

I expect Athletico to have their best season since joining the league and predict they will challenge.

AFC Phoenix are a rebirth of the Day clan after George retired from the AFC Aldermoor club and have already been promoted (due to two teams withdrawing from Junior 5).

### JUNIOR 6

1) South Coast Sports, 2) Burridge Village, 3) Bishops Waltham Dyn.

#### Wild card: AFC Station.

New team South Coast Sports are a bit raw and untried but have had a great pre-season, defeating both Mitre and Michelmersh & Timsbury, so they will shock a few established teams.

Bishop's Waltham Dynamo are another new youthful outfit who could do well. Burridge Village finished top half in 2011/12 and are gradually improving season by season. Maybe this could be their time.

Difficult as ever to call this one.

## Non-league Football



# ANT PUTS THE BITE ON LOTUS

**DIVISION ONE** leaders Verwood SSC grabbed a stoppage time winner to preserve their perfect record, shading it 2-1 against Lotus Press with goals from Ben Britnell and Anthony Daver.

Creekmor Lions occupy second place on goal difference after Nick Creech and Wayne Nash gave them the edge 2-1 against Parley Sports while Shaun Brazier, Kieran Murphy and Matt Clarke gave Bournemouth Athetic a 3-0 success against Kavell.

Dave Weeden notched a hat-trick in Bournemouth Electric's 5-1 victory over Lovitt, with the other goals coming from Sam Adams and Robert Stephen.

West Moors SSC took an early two-goal lead through Jason Lovell and Charlie Gajic but East Christchurch SSC opened up a three-point lead at the top of the PREMIER LEAGUE when they came back to win 4-2 with goals from Chris Forbes, Lee Clark, Paul Danvers and Peter Old.

Queens Park netted through Steve Flynn, Tom Gagan and Craig Barnett but the reigning champions suffered a second successive defeat when Harry's Bar just got the better of them 4-3 thanks to George Harvey (2), Jamie Beale and Jay Birch.

Priory Quays opened their points account when Danny Whitthorn earned them a 1-1 draw with Shoulder of Mutton whose goal came from Tom Hall.

Redhill lead DIVISION TWO on goal difference after James Vallory (2), Harry Seal and Dean Hindle gave them a narrow 4-3 win over Specialist Lettings and nearest rivals Queens Park Rovers Reserves also maintained their 100 per cent record when Louis Vafa (2), Mike Barber, Adam Cutler and Dave Martin swept Barton Wanderers aside 5-2.

DIVISION THREE pacesetters Victoria Cross netted through Stuart MacFarlan, Toby Williams, Andy Willis and Sam Thompson but they were dumped on their rumps by AFC Ringwood who emerged 7-4 winners thanks to Robbie Corlett, Sean Thomas, Sean Leadbetter, an own goal and a Duncan Atkinson hat-trick.



**BENDING IT LIKE BECKHAM:** Michael Thompson scores direct from a free kick in Richmond Park Con's 6-1 triumph over Old Oaks in the Poole Bay Challenge Cup on Saturday.

Picture: Steve Harris

### BFA HAYWARD SUNDAY LEAGUE

Martyn MacKinlay struck for Ace but the DIVISION FOUR leaders had to settle for a point when Craig Miles earned Royal Mail Bournemouth a 1-1 draw and Kings Arms Wallisdown take over on top after their 6-1 triumph over Fordingbridge Turks.

Paul Conroy scored twice for Wallisdown with Darryl Baker, Simon Mitchell, Ashley Welch and Danny Crofts adding one each.

Magpies move up to third place after Ben Diverdi and Tom Randall clinched a 2-0 win over Harbourside.

Matt Lemar gave Wimborne Magpies a first-half lead but their winning start in DIVISION FIVE came to an end when Living Home Tech upended them 2-1 with second-half goals from Shane Evans and Lee Cobb and Kavell Reserves were also 2-1 winners when Richard Hearn

and Henry Osei accounted for Muscliffe.

Bournemouth Electric Reserves go top of DIVISION SIX after Rafael Santos, Alex Praoline and Sean McCoy ensured a 3-2 success against Windgreen Corfe Mullen.

Vienna Windows Reserves and Shamrock both registered their first point of the season when they drew 3-3. Vienna netted through Brett Stimson, Wayne Murry and an own goal, while Hiroki Ono (2) and Kris Bourne replied for the visitors.

Tom Milne led the way with a hat-trick when Scott V walloppe Intellihouse 9-2 to go three points clear at the top of DIVISION SEVEN. Jim Miles (2), Adam Brookbanks (2), Chris Hill and Lawrence Harvey were the other Scott V marksmen.

Shane Barney rattled in five as

A & T Athletic Reserves continue to set the pace in DIVISION EIGHT with an 8-3 spanking of Horse & Jockey with the other goals coming from Aaron Stacey (2) and Liam Holland.

Nearest rivals Alderholt just got the better of ECP 4-3 thanks to Tom Cranmer, Rob Lampard, Matt Cole and an own goal, while JP Morgan gave Talbot Pub Reserves a 9-1 trouncing thanks to Paul Gibbs' five-goal blast and further goals from Lloyd Wallen (2), Stuart Knubley and Richard Vaughan.

West Mullen Reserves move up to second place in DIVISION NINE on goal difference after tanning Fordingbridge Turks Reserves 5-1 courtesy of Matt Dennis' hat-trick and a couple of goals from Michael Fleetham.

Meanwhile Ryan Attree scored all four goals when AFC Burton Reserves opened their points account with a 4-1 victory over Ferndown Wayfarers.

### HAYWARD SATURDAY LGE

## Sandpiper spiked by Thorne

JASON Thorne was the seven-goal star of Alderholt's 12-0 triumph over Sandpiper in DIVISION ONE with Mark Desborough, Ryan Moir, Nick Collier, Terry Gulliver and Jamie Tricker adding one each.

Reigning champions Bournemouth Manor go top of the PREMIER DIVISION despite being held to a 2-2 draw by Bournemouth Electric.

Luke McArdle gave the champs an early lead but Electric recovered from their shaky start and equalised with a Mariusz Iglewski header. Both sides were guilty of squandering chances before Matty Scrimshaw restored Manor's lead early in the second half but Electric pegged them back again courtesy of a Pete Howard penalty.

At the other end of the table, Redlynch & Woodfalls United were denied their first point of the season when Bo Salbol's late winner gave Parley Sports the edge 2-1. Mark Pearsall was the other Parley scorer with Darryl Abreu on target for Redlynch.

Mark Lilley netted for Sway Reserves who hold top spot in DIVISION TWO despite going down 3-1 to nearest rivals Bournemouth Electric A whose goals came via Steve Flynn (2) and James Keith.

Craig White and Spencer Bungard gave Galleon a 2-0 success against Westover Bournemouth Reserves while Luke Walker, Luke Gogan, Lewis Jones and Paul Adlam gave Bisterne Rangers the upper hand 4-2 against Bournemouth Manor Reserves.

It's as you were at the top of DIVISION THREE with the leading trio all involved in draws. Ashley Buckland netted for leaders AFC Pennington but their perfect record was ruined when third-placed BU Staff forced a 1-1 draw through Pete Hunt.

It was a similar story with second-placed Ferndown Sports Reserves held 3-3 by Queens Park Athletic Reserves whose goals came from Pete Light, Adam Holloway and Lee Pender.

Kelly Barth rattled in seven when Seyward Windows walloped a spirited Redlynch & Woodfalls United Reserves side 11-0 with Nigel Dunn (2), Ryan Clarke and Steve Priest also on target.

Burley lead DIVISION FOUR on goal difference after subduing Richmond Park Con Reserves 4-1 thanks to Rob Corlett and a Nick Howes hat-trick, while New Milton Eagles shaded it 2-1 against Allendale Reserves with goals from Chris Payne and Rob Haines.

Lower Parkstone CFC maintained their perfect start in DIVISION FIVE when they just got the better of FC Boscerala 2-1 thanks to a Ross Dominey penalty and Matt Baker's winner, while Steve Pockneall and Nick Campbell ensured a 2-0 success for Portcastrian Reserves against Bournemouth A.

Alderholt Reserves are two points clear at the top of DIVISION SIX after Tom Davies (2) and Jamie Wood clinched a 3-0 victory over Ferndown Sports A.

# Non-league Football

## Matt magic

AFC SOUTHAMPTON finished on the winning side in a remarkable 13-goal Southampton Divisional Junior A Sunday Cup preliminary round tie at Hedge End Club.

Southampton led 5-4 at half-time and eventually ran out 8-5 winners.

Matt McKenzie struck four of their goals with Lewis Hunt (2), Lee Ryves and Dave Greenwood also scoring. Jake Biffin (2), Nathan Baker, Luke Pothecary and John Burnwell replied.

Four extra time goals from Pete Rosher (2), Gary Klepp and John Callaway helped Chartwell Green defeat visiting Athletic HC 4-0.

John Cole (3), Tom Furness and Sam Treadaway netted as Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) defeated AFC West End 5-2 – all seven goals coming in the second half.

Two goals from Neil Minns gave Echo a 2-1 home success against Sherfield English Reserves.

Ashley Shergold grabbed four goals as Sherfield English won 6-2 at LH Galaxy. Toby Rogers and Tom Webb also netted with Gary Whitten (2) replying.

Landguard Rovers defeated Sholing United 4-0 with Nathan Bygrave, Lee Hewitt, Tunde Akintolu and an own goal on target.

Goals from Craig Johnston and Jack Jewell helped Woodmill beat visiting Lapstone 2-0.

Mike Manning and Draggi Kosvelsaici replied as Carnival UK went down 4-2 at Hedge End Social Club.

Pawel Burdzy (2) and Max Howard scored in Newtown Athletic's 3-1 success at Regents Park.

Titans replied through Dane Jones, Danny Martin and an own goal in a 4-3 defeat at AFC Anchor.

Matt Patrick belted four goals as Southampton Classic beat Michelmersh & Timsbury Youth 6-3 in the preliminary round of the Southampton Divisional Junior B Sunday Cup.

Ben Wright netted their other two goals with Elliot Moody, Tom Munday and Matt Bosenquet replying.

In the only other tie, Durley beat Athletico Totton 3-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw.

David Wood netted for Totton with Michael Wood's own goal forcing the extra half hour. Mike Cooper, Dan Hellings and Chris Riley scored Durley's shoot-out spot-kicks, with Michael Wood and Dave Wood replying.

## King James

LYNDHURST & NH survived a brave fightback by Chamberlayne Athletic to progress to the second round of the Southampton Divisional Sunday Senior Cup.

They romped into a 4-0 half-time lead, but were forced to hold on to a 5-4 victory after a comeback from their visitors.

James Davis (4) and Wade Wilson were on target for Lyndhurst, with Gary Dare (3) and Lewis Le Messieur replying.

KRL were the highest scorers in the six first-round ties which produced 45 goals.

Louis Goosey struck a hat-trick in their 9-0 romp at Bedes Lea97 with further goals coming from Matthew Gray (2), Dan Mullins (2), Lewis Crowton and Lewis Read.

City Central thrashed visitors Linden Tree 8-1, with Phil Jackson replying.

Leon Elliott and Craig Lyons both scored twice as Sholing Celtic won 7-0 at Old House At Home, Brad Smirk, Matthew Malcolm and Mark Foreman also netting.

Doug Rowe's brace helped Knighton Arms win 6-2 at home to Winston Hotel. Craig Shrimpton, Shane Flooks, Jack Iggleston and Matthew Burt also scored with Pete Slack grabbing a consolation double.

Loen Tatavossian and Joe Arnold were among the scorers as Totton Cosmos won 3-0 at Eastbrook Harriers.



## City of Southampton Sunday Football League round-up

# BHOYS AGAINST MEN!

**ADAM George struck three goals as FC Railway caned Southampton Bhoys 6-0 in Junior Division 1 of the City of Southampton Sunday League.**

Mark Bond, Sam McCarthy and Mitchell Todd also netted.

Bridge AFC defeated visiting Castle Inn 3-2 with Jamie Whitaker, Toby Withey and Rob Elder scoring. Tony Sullivan and Kieran Campbell replied.

In a midweek game, Atlético HC won 6-0 at Echo with three goals in each half. Among the scorers were Tom Cummins, Todd Wyeth, Matthew Holmes, Jack Vaas and David King.

In Junior Division 2, Cherbourg won 4-2 at Sporting Compass with Matt Henriet, Martin Drabik and Darryl Coffin among the scorers.

In Division 3, AFC Horns won 4-0 at AFC Riverside with Tom O'Dell, Jason Gradidge, Liam Wing and Josh Knight on target.

Elliott Rolls' second half strike gave Chandlers Ford Saints a 1-0 win at Portswood United.

In a midweek encounter, Ashley Shergold and Luke Shergold both netted a brace as Sherfield English beat visiting Bishops Blaize 5-2. Joe Webb also netted.

Eastpoint hammered Boyatt Wood Wanderers 8-0 with Scott Ryves hitting four goals and Darren Brown a double. Dean Brunsdon and Richard Cummins also netted.



ON TARGET: Tom O'Dell, top, netted for AFC Horns.

### SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Big Tick for pace setting Allbrook

MIKE Tickner hit a hat-trick as AFC Allbrook stretched their 100 per cent start in Division 1 of the to three games.

Dave Reading also netted in a 4-1 home win over Roll Call, who replied through Dan Woodridge.

Trants are still searching for their first point after losing 4-0 at Foresters, who netted through Pete Cole, Gav Salmon, Robbie Snow and Alex Veek.

Andy Gregory struck a hat-trick as Hedge End Social Club progressed to

the second round of the Southampton Divisional Junior A Sunday Cup.

Lewis Grimes also scored in a 4-2 home win over Carnival UK, with all the goals coming in the second period.

Goals from Neil

Dennis, John

Richardson, Dan Reilly

and Steve Johnson netted as AFC Anchor

defeated Titans 4-3,

while Keith Hartman

and James Switzer gave

Holbury a 2-0 home win

against AFC Bursledon.

Pat Goode (2) and Josh

Middleton were on tar-

get as Roll Call Reserves beat Platinum Southern 3-1, Neil Ward replying.

Dan Collinson, Paul Johnson and Alex Pattison gave C & G a 3-1 victory at Otter, who replied through Will Monk.

Gareth Briggs (2) and Nick Brown were the marksmen as Hamble Club beat visiting King George 3-1, Neil Abrahams replying.

Aaron Doyle and Lewis Mitchell replied as AFC West End crashed out, beaten 5-2 at Cricketers Fair Oak.

## Reed it and weep

AIDEN Reed (2), Jake Mellor and Paul Mail netted as EDIS won 4-0 at AFC Marchwood in Junior Division 4, Jack Mulroy replying.

Southampton Athletic came from 0-4 down at home to AFC Portswood to draw 4-4.

Dan Cluett (2), Paul Weeks and Aaron McEwan put Athletic in command, before Julian Robinson (2) and Rob North (2) gave Portswood a superb point.

Portswood had drawn 2-2 at home to Boyatt Wood in midweek, netting through Peter Barlow (2) with Craig Proudly and Adam Shepherd replying.

## Reidy and able

AIDEN Reidy bagged four goals as Bridge AFC Reserves triumphed 5-3 at Itchen Saints in Junior Division 5.

Jamie Rosher also netted as Bridge stormed into a 4-1 half-time lead, with Brad Hibberd, Wes Gray and Sam McStay replying.

It was a good day for the away teams in this division with three others scoring four or more.

Goals from Jay Wilson, Alex Arnold, Mitch Turley and Matthew Cullum helped Obelisk to a 4-2 victory at AFC Bishopstoke, Andy McKellar and Anthony Pendlebury replying.

Jamie Meredith and Joao Frois were among the scorers as Banister Park won 5-3 at Ampfield, with Ben Thornton (2) and Mason Gray replying.

Chartwell Green Reserves won 4-0 at Cherbourg Reserves with Mike Mullins, Richard Martin, Kane Ellis and an own goal from keeper Mark Davis on target.

JSC netted through Kayne Harris in a 1-1 home draw with Burridge, Will Toogood replying.

## Smart Alex

ALEX Azadegan was the goal star in Junior Division 6, scoring five times as Portside romped to an 8-0 success at Testwood Tornadoes.

Reece Donovan struck twice with Jason McHugh also on target.

Netley RBL were the section's top marksmen, though, with a 9-2 home stroll against AFC Bishopstoke Reserves.

Daniel Dixon and Adam Sear both netted twice for Netley, 5-0 up at the interval, with Lawrence Bradley, Mark Dixon, Chris Wilde, Colin Herridge and Dan Owers also scoring.

Goals from Tom Reed and Craig Renwick gave Test Valley Spartans a 2-0 home win over Sporting Compass Reserves.

Josh Hawkins (2), Liam Jannaway and Brad Snelling scored as Sky Blue won 4-0 at HSC Southern Stars.

In the under-21 division, Connor Anderson's goal gave Hedge End Rangers a half-time lead against Burridge, who replied after the break through Karl Littleboy.

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# Youth Football



**GOALMOUTH ACTION:** Itchen's Brad Hodge beats the Peter Symonds (stripes) keeper but sees his shot cleared off the line, left, and right, Isaac Mclean scores for Itchen.

Daily Echo pictures by Matt Watson Order nos: 15147636 (left) and 15147566

# ITCHEN OFF TO A FLIER IN TITLE DEFENCE

**NO LEAGUE title will ever be decided in late September, but there's a fair chance of the winners of Itchen's game against Sparsholt at Middle Road next Wednesday (2pm) will be favourites to carry off the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League championship.**

Itchen and Sparsholt have dominated the HCL for the past two seasons, with the Sholing side carrying off the honours on both occasions, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

While Sparsholt were waiting to start their matches, Itchen opened their defence of the title with a comfortable 4-0 win over Peter Symonds, the only side to beat them last season.

Adam Tomasso potted two penalties and Izaak McLean and Leone

## COLLEGES FOOTBALL

McLean scored one each in Totton's win.

Barton Peveril twice had to come back from behind to hold Colleges League newcomers Southampton City 2-2 at Millbrook.

City took their chances well, but it needed goals from Liam Seager and Will Harris to earn Barton Peveril a share of the spoils from a game they felt they ought to have won.

Poole Grammar, weakened by FA Youth Cup calls, trimmed Portsmouth 2-0.

They went in 1-0 up at half-time through an Alex Kelly goal after good work down the left flank, and had their second half efforts rewarded when Rob Howard scored to secure the win.

Queen Mary's, who set the early pace last season, began positively with a hard working 2-1 win over



**BATTLE FOR THE BALL:** Action from Itchen v Peter Symonds (stripes).

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Taunton's.

They started brightly, playing some excellent attacking football from the back in the first 20 minutes which culminated in Danny Vallence scoring two well worked goals.

Limiting Taunton's to set plays, QMC defended well for the last 20 minutes of the half.

However a hopeful long ball over the top and some uncertainty between two QMC defenders allowed Taunton's to claw a goal back.

Both teams started the second half well and the half was played from

end to end with both teams coming close to adding to their tally.

Taunton's hit the woodwork and QMC missed a gilt-edged chance from 15 yards out with only the goalkeeper to beat and had a third goal ruled out for offside.

With the pressure mounting, the QMC defence and team stood firm to earn a victory they probably just shaded.

**Wednesday's fixtures:** Alton v Queen Mary's, Bournemouth v South Downs, Itchen v Sparsholt, Peter Symonds v Havant, Poole Grammar v Farnborough, Taunton's v Brockenhurst, Totton v Portsmouth.



**The Breaks Are Off**  
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IT'S difficult not to hold a soft spot for Graeme Swann.

Since his Test debut three and a half years ago, 'Swanny', as he's affectionately known, has become one of England's key cricketers in all formats of the game. In addition to developing into the country's most revered spin bowler for decades, his off breaks were pivotal in England's winning two Ashes series and the Twenty20 World Cup.

But what's really endeared Swann to the cricket-watching public is the sense of fun he brings to the game, both on and off the pitch.

Swann's aggressive bowling and devil-may-care attitude with the bat make him eminently watchable at either end of the crease. Away from the field, his Ashes video diary became a big YouTube hit, with Swann starring in an irreverent behind-the-scenes guide to the England cricket team's tour of Australia.

Given this aperitif, the levels of expectancy for *The Breaks Are Off*, re-issued in paperback last month, are understandably high.

It doesn't disappoint. As early as his acknowledgments, he provides a few chortles by referring to his England bowling teammate Jimmy Anderson as a 'miserable mono-browed Burnley paceman' and relating the story of his publisher telling Swann that he looks like he's 'chewing a Marmite flavoured wasp' when he bowls.

But as with most autobiographies, an author's reflections on his career low points are often its most enthralling feature. Swann's take on his unhappy experience in the England camp in 2001 and his exit from Northamptonshire in 2004 give the impression of a man who thought his time would never come.

In fact, Swann is disarmingly honest throughout, either condemning his own bowling performances as 'dreadful', or simply claiming that he wasn't ready for international cricket when first called up to the England squad.

Swann's bluntness even spreads as far as some of the England cricketing fraternity and he provides a few interesting tales of altercations with teammates from his first stint in the international set-up.

He may not have endured the range of ups and downs that make some sporting memoirs such a gripping read, but Swann's frankness and jovial outlook ensure *The Breaks Are Off* is never less than entertaining. Sometimes a story is worth telling simply because of who is telling it and one fancies that following the current T20 World Cup, there might be a few more to add soon too.



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS APPEAR IN MONDAY'S ECHO**

# Youth Football

■ CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH LEAGUE

## Simpson seals it

PETER Simpson scored the only goal as Michelmersh & Timsbury under-18s won their first match of the new City of Southampton Youth League Division 2 season 1-0 at Botley Village Dynamos.

M&T manager Dave Bishop credited his side's victory to the fact that "training and teamwork really pay dividends."

Botley showed a competitive edge and fought well to get back into the game, with chances mainly coming from set-pieces, but a good debut by keeper Steve Morrant denied them any reward.

The second half was a more even affair with few chances for either team, although M&T did manage to hit the bar twice; a good header from Jack Gray and a looping long-range shot from Shad Mamdeen.

The new rolling-subs rule really helped keep all the players in both squads fully engaged and gave those lacking early-season fitness a chance to take on some oxygen before launching themselves back into the fray.

Bishop added: "It looks like it will be a great league to be playing in this year, and good to watch as well."

In Division 3, Romsey Town Youth defeated Wyvern Dragons 3-0.

Goals from in the second half from Adam Donaldson, Cammy Ridout-Hine and debutant Jag Dusanjhi was enough to secure Romsey's season got off to a flier.

Co-Manager Paul Melling was delighted with his team's efforts, especially with his side grabbing three goals in a tight second half: "The game was a real tight affair in the first half so I was glad we managed to get a second to really kill off Wyvern's battling performance. In the end it was a good all-round show and a deserved victory."

However, it was not to say Wyvern did not get their fair share of chances. They had us on the back foot for the end of the first half but the lads held on well with some very solid defending."

It was not until the 48th minute that the deadlock was broken, a low drilled cross along the face of the goal beat all the Wyvern defence for Donaldson to happily take the opportunity to slot home from close range and open his account for the season. This came only moments after a Wyvern counter attack at the end of the first half which resulted in a shot rebounding off the post after a break from a Romsey corner.

The game then was brought to a halt after Romsey's Ash Blakeley went down in the box after a superb run into the six-yard box and needed medical attention. Romsey then looked nervous after the restart with Wyvern getting more possession of the ball but could not break down Romsey's firm defensive pairing of Callum Gill and Will Fuller.

Romsey's nerves were finally settled in the 73rd minute, when the ball found its way to Ridout-Hine on the edge of the box. The mid-

fielder drove a shot at goal which somehow squirmed through the Wyvern keeper in the bottom right hand corner after he had seemingly got down in time to make the save. It was the only blot on a decent performance from the stopper.

With the game now coming to an end there was still time for a Wyvern shot to cannon off the crossbar and Romsey to grab another to really finish the game. Jag Dusanjhi, making his first appearance for Romsey, scored with just two minutes left on the clock after a good ball through from Donaldson which found Seb Olingschlaeger whose initial shot was blocked only for Dusanjhi to fire home the rebound from a tight angle.

**Other results:**  
Division 1: Swy 3 Hythe & Dibden 0, Hedge End Rangers White 3 Salisbury City 1, S & D 0 Sholing 1.  
Division 2: AFC Stoneham 3 Warsash Wasps 6, Division 3: Netley Royals 1 New Forest 5, Blackfield & Langley 4 QK Southampton 2, BTC (Soton) Itchen 4 Botley Village Barracudas 2.

AFC Totton's under-16s followed-up the previous week's Hampshire Cup victory by thrashing St Francis Rangers 8-1.

A goal from Tommy Wright secured victory for Eastleigh at Sholing, who will be hoping to mount a serious challenge to the top two.

Winchester White enjoyed a 2-0 home win against Bitterne, while Colden Common Rangers had the eye-catching result in Division 2, winning 5-0 at Romsey Town Panthers. BTC (Soton) beat St Denys 4-0 and Warsash Wasps won 4-0 at home to AFC Hiltingbury. Blackfield and Langley entertained Salisbury side Alderbury Boys and triumphed 4-2.

St Francis Knights lost 3-2 at Littleton and Botley Village won 2-1 at Wyvern Dragons.

Ben Holdstock scored twice as Romsey Town Cougars beat Wyvern Saints 3-1 in Division 3. After a slow start, with much of the play at the Wyvern end, an own-goal off the foot of a defender put Romsey ahead after 15 minutes. Holdstock added a second shortly afterwards with a sliding shot from a cross into the box.

Romsey picked-up the pace in the second half and Holdstock converted another ball into the box. He could then thank keeper Alex Blandford for maintaining their lead with several very good saves, only to be beaten by a late consolation.

Callum Murphy took Romsey's man-of-the-match award.

Totton and Eling defeated Netley Royals 3-0. They went ahead after 12 minutes through Jack Strickland's header from Cory Curtis' cross and Aaron Heskins repeated the move four minutes later to put his side 2-0 up at half-time. That's how it stayed until the very last kick, when Bradley Dolton completed the scoring.

**Other results:**  
Division 3: Winsor United 9 Alresford Town 1, Pirelli Pirates 6 Hedge End Rangers 0, Astro Blues 2 AFC Stoneham 4.

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# Youth Football

**from matches played Sunday, September 16**



# BIG THUMBS UP FOR NEW U-11 LEAGUE

**A REVOLUTIONARY new football league for under-11s has kicked off in Hampshire.**

Eleven teams competed for the first time last weekend in the newly-formed New Forest and District 9V9 League, with games played on pitches at Brockenhurst College that are two-thirds the size of adult pitches, and with goals scaled down to suit the size of young players.

The Football Association is keen to see the use of 9V9 – played by teams of just nine players – spread throughout Britain in the next few years. But the New Forest teams are among the first in the country to go for it.

“The 9V9 system has been played in European countries like Spain and The Netherlands for years and years,” says Jago Lawless, manager of Hythe & Dibden Wasps, one of the dozen teams that has broken away to form the 9V9 league.

“Their success at international level, compared to England and the other UK national teams, is proof that it works dramatically well.

“It’s reckoned that it allows the children to actually touch the ball five times more than they would do if they played on full-size pitches. And what we saw on Sunday proved that beyond any doubt.”

The British system has previously required young players to make an instant switch from standard 7-a-side size pitches and small goals to adult-size pitches, with full-size goals, the moment they reach age ten – and to go from playing in teams of seven-a-side to a full 11.

“It is a huge jump for young players to have to make,” says Lawless. “But the fact that we were able to come back and win, with three entirely new players from last year on the pitch, showed how much easier it is, using



**COMEBACK VICTORY:** Hythe Wasps under-11s.

“Our very young players have always had to hoof the ball up a pitch that is massively too big for them, just hoping and praying that one of their team might get on the end of it, while goalkeepers who are just a fraction of the size have to defend goals that are designed for the likes of Petr Cech.

“It’s demoralising.

“The 9V9 players in all the teams playing on Sunday, however, were not at all remote from each other.

“They had easy visual contact with the rest of the team and were able to put moves together that involved several of them inter-changing passes.

“They put into practice skills that they had developed in midweek, but which would have been impossible to achieve on a much larger pitch, even with two more players.”

Hythe Wasps came back from being 2-1 down against another New Forest team Soccer-For-All to win 5-2.

“Soccer-For-All are a very good team and thoroughly deserved their lead,” says Lawless. “But the fact that we were able to come back and win, with three entirely new players from last year on the pitch, showed how much easier it is, using

9V9, to gel as a team.”

One of the new recruits, central midfielder Joe Coleman, scored two of their goals, with a 25-yard free kick and a penalty, while last year’s regulars, brothers Keiran and Lewis Oakley and Harry Gallacher, ensured their victory.

Hythe Wasps, whose next match is away to Sway, are second on goal difference in the New Forest 9V9 league to another team from the same town, Hythe Strikers.

“We only have a squad of ten,” says Lawless, “and, having had defender Joe Avery ruled out of the opening game with a wrist injury he picked up in training, we had to use the remaining nine players for the full 60 minutes of play.”

“In the first match of the season, they had to dig very deep in terms of commitment and energy.

“We are,” he stressed, “very keen to get more good players, and would welcome any youngsters at our training sessions on Saturday, starting at 10am at Applemore School, Dibden Purlieu.

“We would urge anyone who wants to discover how football is going to be played in the future to come and join us.

“It’s great for skills. And great for fun.”

## WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT

PLAYER OF THE MATCH:  
Lisbeth Mottashed.



### Saints take advantage of Sarum inactivity

THERE was a goal spree for Southampton Saints under-15s as they hosted Sarum Youth.

The Salisbury-based side were playing their first game of the season and their lack of match practice showed as Saints romped to an 11-1 success.

Saints are now starting to gel as a team with new players Martha Phillips, Belinda Villa, and Eilidh Currie blending in well.

Saints took the lead when Emily Lusted's long ball down the middle was latched on to by Elle Pearce who shot past the keeper. Phillips then took a short corner and, after exchanging passes with Lisbeth Mottashed, it was Mottashed who slammed the ball into the net from just inside the box.

Megan Chapman set up Villa for a good finish before Coral Oakley's great cross was met by Paris Payne for a cool finish.

Sarum reduced the deficit following an underweighted back pass but Pearce's cross-cum-shot made it 5-1 at the interval.

Pearce completed her hat-trick before Sarum contributed two own goals – Phillips' excellent corner being volleyed into her own net by a defender trying to clear and then under pressure from Payne the ball rebounded off a defender and spun into the net.

Another Phillips corner was finished off at close range by Chapman and the scoring was completed thanks to goals from Lusted and Oakley.

Saints manager Peter Horne said: "Without wanting to be picky, we could and should have scored more goals, but I was more than happy with the performance and general team play."

"It was good to see Hannah Richards back after an injury lay-off and she will add a lot to the strength of the squad."

"My player of the match was Lisbeth, for her accurate passing, link-up play down the right flank, her good crosses, and her awareness and intelligence in calling for a short corner which she duly despatched into the net."

Elsewhere in the New Forest League, Winchester City Flyers continued to soar with a third consecutive victory, 3-0 at Boscombe Albion. The only other game saw Mudeford lift themselves to third after seeing off Crofton Saints 3-1, Watts scoring twice.

### Matching pair of golden boots for Georgia-Rose ...?

SOUTHAMPTON Saints under-13s faced a difficult start to the season with a tough fixture at Winchester City Flyers Red.

Last season saw these two clubs battle it out for the top honours with Saints winning the title and Winchester runners-up.

This season promises to be a much closer affair, as last weekend's 3-3 draw illustrated.

For Saints, last season's league golden boot winner Georgia-Rose Mears bagged a brace and the other was scored by Leah Brown. Daisy Andrews bagged a hat-trick for the Flyers.

Portchester caned Alresford 13-0 and Wasps Black defeated Wasps Yellow 2-1.

Southampton Saints under-12s continued their difficult start after losing 6-1 against Boscombe

Albion in the New Forest Girls League. The Saints are developing both tactical awareness and their skills after moving up from mini soccer to nine-a-side football.

Elsewhere in the league, Mudeford and Merley Common continued their 100 per cent records with wins against New Milton Eagles and New Forest Cougars respectively. Boscombe Poppies beat Sarum Youth 3-1 and the final game of the day ended with Alderbury Aces beating Boscombe Albion Rockets 4-1.

● Southampton Saints under-12s, who play in the New Forest Girls' League, are looking for outfield players. They can be either Year 7 or Year 8 school years. Contact club secretary Rachel Murray on 07711 317654 if interested.



TOUGH START: Southampton Saints under-13s.

### Lauren Steers Saints to three away points

**A SECOND-HALF goal from Lauren Steers gave Southampton Saints all three points from their six-hour round-trip to Exeter City.**

Saints knew this was a tough South West Combination encounter with City buoyant after hitting four past Gloucester City and the previous week beating Plymouth Argyle on their own patch.

The first half was a very even affair with two different styles, Saints with their patient passing game and Exeter with endless pacy counter attacks.

Southampton's back four of Whyte, McDevitt, Littleboy and Why have become a hard unit to break down, and Exeter found that out time after time with their attacks fizzling out.

It was the visitors who had the best first-half chance which fell to Steers, who was replacing the injured Browning in

#### HOW THEY STAND

##### South West Combination Women's Football League

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Keynsham Town	5	5	0	0	18	15
Oxford United	5	4	0	1	4	12
Forest Green Rovers	5	3	1	1	13	10
Plymouth Argyle	5	3	0	2	5	9
<b>Southampton Saints</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
Swindon Town	5	2	1	2	2	7
Exeter City	4	2	0	2	1	6
Newquay	5	1	1	3	-2	4
Keynsham Development	5	1	1	3	-12	4
Uni of Portsmouth	3	1	0	2	-6	3
Gloucester City	4	0	0	4	-7	0
Havant & Waterlooville	3	0	0	3	-16	0

the lone striker role.

Steers, whose slight size is not her greatest asset, showed great strength to out muscle the much bigger defender but could only shoot wide.

In the middle, Bex Davis was working extremely hard with Becki Lendrum and Chelsea Owton who were linking well with both wide players Keeley Fitzgerald and Hannah Chalk who both caused the City full backs problems.

With just over ten min-



ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS: Southampton Saints first team.

utes gone in the second half, Saints took the lead as keeper Haughton played out from the back to left back Kerri Why. Her 30-yard pass through the middle found Steers who cut on to her right and from the edge of the box hit an unstoppable shot in off the underside of the cross bar.

This seemed to spur the home side's best chance came ten minutes from time from a long range shot which Haughton clawed away from the top corner.

With City pushing on, and Saints starting to sit deeper, it was time for a second change with Kat Littleboy, who had been struggling with a sore hamstring, being replaced by Harri Pascoe who was back from a four-game suspension.

The home side's best chance came ten minutes from time from a long range shot which Haughton clawed away from the top corner.

Saints player of the match: Aimee McDevitt.

#### New league

THANKS to the great help of Hampshire FA's Sophie Davis, the Drew Smith Group Southampton Football League will be providing Saturday football for ladies who can't always play on Sundays.

These teams will initially play each other once a month (second Saturday of each month from October onwards, 2pm at Riverside Park).

The constitution of this division is still evolving and we will still consider further entries as those considering joining pull it over.

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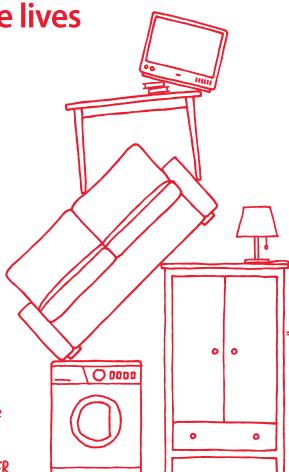
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# RYDER CUP



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Yards	433	192	412	463	536	509	617	201	432	3,795
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	36
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
Yards	578	440	476	245	609	391	482	193	449	3,863
Par	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	36
TOTAL										72



## 39<sup>th</sup>

Medinah  
USA

Overview: No. 3 Course,  
Medinah, Illinois, USA

### Hole-by-hole guide\*

<b>Hole 1</b> 433 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 5</b> 536 yards, par 5	<b>Hole 9</b> 432 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 13</b> 245 yards, par 3	<b>Hole 16</b> 482 yards, par 4
A new back tee has been introduced since the 2006 USPGA Championship. Hitting a driver may result in a hanging lie on the fairway, so something less might be used. The green tilts from back to front	A good drive avoiding the bunkers down the right brings the green in range and even with it being uphill most players will have a go. The fairway tightens and more bunkers lie in wait though	Tree-lined dogleg right to left that presents a partly blind shot off the tee. No bunkers in the landing area, but three around a green that breaks fast from right to left	Signature hole back over Lake Kadijah to a green that slopes right to left and is bordered by three bunkers. Easily the longest of the par threes and a real challenge	Dogleg left made famous in 1999, but the tree where Sergio Garcia risked injury in hitting his second shot no longer exists. Green is perched up a hill and slopes from right to left with three bunkers around it
<b>Hole 2</b> 192 yards, par 3	<b>Hole 6</b> 509 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 10</b> 578 yards, par 5	<b>Hole 14</b> 609 yards, par 5	<b>Hole 17</b> 193 yards, par 3
The green lies over Lake Kadijah, with water to the left as well. Prevailing wind is from right to left and not helping, while a large bunker is at the back right portion of the putting surface	Longest par four on the course. With the addition of a new back tee, three fairway bunkers down the right come into play more. The green tilts and is guarded by four more traps	The drive should be shaped right to left off the right-hand bunkers, but some may see it as a three-shotter taking the traps out of play. The green has the greatest slope from back to front	Drive over the lake once more and if the top of the hill can be reached then the green comes in range for the big hitters. The green is guarded by five bunkers and slopes significantly from back to front	Over Lake Kadijah for the fourth and final time. Temptation is to hit extra club to make sure of carrying the water, but miss the green and it is a tough up and down, especially with the pressure on
<b>Hole 3</b> 412 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 7</b> 617 yards, par 5	<b>Hole 11</b> 440 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 15</b> 391 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 18</b> 449 yards, par 4
Bunkers down the right, but that is the side to be because of some overhanging trees. Levelling of the fairway changes what used to be a blind second shot to another green sloping from back to front	Longest of the four par fives and for the members ranked the hardest hole. New back tee makes it further to the angle of this slight dogleg right. Elevated green has several subtle breaks	Dogleg right to left with a new fairway bunker down the right making it a much tighter drive. Smallest green on the course has various undulations and is guarded by one bunker short right and two to the left	Changed significantly and forward tee may well be used to make it driveable. Risk-reward though, as water runs down the right and alongside the small, shallow green with a collection area back right	Bunkers have been added down the right on this slight dogleg left. The raised green has a tight entrance flanked by some steep bunkers and tilts from back to front. Hale Irwin holed from nearly 60 feet to force a play-off in the 1990 US Open
<b>Hole 4</b> 463 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 8</b> 201 yards, par 3	<b>Hole 12</b> 476 yards, par 4	<b>Hole 13</b> 391 yards, par 4	<b>2010:</b> Europe captain Colin Montgomerie with the Ryder Cup trophy
Fairway slopes right to left, but the real difficulty comes with the elevation change to the green, which makes the hole play longer. Slope means it is important to keep the ball below the hole	Turning back the other way, this was a blind tee shot for the 1999 USPGA Championship, but now the players have a clear view of a heavily-guarded green that breaks hard from left to right	Considered by many the best par four. Preferred drive hugs the right because of the big oak guarding a green that slopes hard from left to right and has a drop-off into a pond on the right	Changed significantly and forward tee may well be used to make it driveable. Risk-reward though, as water runs down the right and alongside the small, shallow green with a collection area back right	

\*Holes not to scale

# Ryder Cup preview ...Ryder Cup preview ... Ryder Cup preview

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**FORMER** Ryder Cup player Steve Richardson believes home advantage will tell for the United States this year.

The Americans will look to ambush the Europeans when they arrive at Medinah Country Club, in Illinois, later in the week, as they bid to steal the famous trophy back.

Richardson, who played in the 1991 'War on the Shore' at Kiawah Island, reckons there will be no more than a point separating the teams come next Sunday night.

But he thinks the vocal American support that will line the fairways will swing the contest in the host nation's favour.

"It will be close, just a point in it, as the teams are pretty well balanced, but I think they will just win it because of the home advantage," said Lee-on-the-Solent's Richardson, who won two points out of a possible four in 1991, as Europe were edged 14½-13½ in a controversial encounter.

"It makes a big difference having a partisan home crowd. I think they will

be really whipped up for it.

"Ryder Cup crowds are unlike normal golf crowds. They can be quite volatile.

"It's not nasty stuff, but they get very excited, and you can feel like you're getting bombarded.

"I found the energy of the crowd a bit overwhelming at times. I wasn't used to how loud and animated they were."

According to Richardson, the crowds can make a particular difference on the Sunday, when the singles matches are played and the visiting golfers don't have a teammate to turn to for support.

"You play as a team, but then on the Sunday you're out there on your own, and it does feel a fraction lonely," he said.

"But the teams have such a support team around them now, with so many vice captains."

"When I played, we had Bernard Gallagher, who was the top man, but we had just one vice captain."

"These guys have people talking with them and seeing them every other hole, so the support group is great for them."

"There will be a couple of lads out there who will feel a bit vulnerable at times if things aren't going their way, so a couple of friendly words from a vice captain can spur people on."

While he fears the Americans will come out on top, Richardson takes heart from the presence of José María Olazábal as Europe's captain.

"I think he will be a great captain," he said. "He's an inspirational guy, and everyone looks up to him."

"He's got a great record in the Ryder Cup, as well as at winning majors."

"When I played in '91, he was one of the young stars of our team."

"From what I've heard, he gives

## HOME TURF GIVES YANKS THE EDGE - RICO



**TAKING HEART:** Former Ryder Cup player Steve Richardson, above, is glad that the GB and Europe team is being captained by José María Olazábal, right.

some great, inspirational speeches and all the guys look up to him big time. I think that's of great importance.

"Even great players at times want a bit of comfort and leadership from someone out there."

As well as the home support, Richardson believes another determining factor in this year's event will be the results of each team's star players – the likes of Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy and Lee Westwood.

If one side delivers a decisive blow to the other's most inspirational figures then it could have a profound effect on the result, according to Richardson.

"We have done pretty well with Tiger over the years," he said. "His record is only about 50 per cent I think."

"There are certain guys that sort of lead each team and, if you can head them off, it can affect the energy of the whole team."



## Silence crowd to win

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**RICHARD** Bland believes Europe will need to take the crowd out of play in this year's Ryder Cup if they are to retain the trophy.

José María Olazábal's team head into a potentially volatile atmosphere at Medinah Country Club, in Illinois, next week to take on Davis Love III's side.

Europe hold the prestigious trophy having won it under Colin Montgomerie's captaincy at Celtic Manor two years ago.

But they were soundly beaten on their last trip to the United States, in 2008, at Valhalla Golf Club, in Kentucky.

European Tour professional Bland, from Southampton, believes the contest between what he views as two evenly-matched squads will go right



**CROWD CONCERN:** Richard Bland.

down to the wire.

But he insists it is vital that Europe do not allow the home support to get whipped up into a frenzy.

"Europe have got to get up early in the matches, just to quieten the crowd down," he said.

"I spoke to Peter Hanson when we were playing in Holland a couple of weeks ago and he said that's going to be a massive thing. If America get one or two up then they will use the crowd a lot."

"Getting the crowd to be a bit quiet is going to be big for Europe. I think it's going to be pretty close."

Bland was heartened to see a return to form for Germany's Martin Kaymer, who recorded a top five finish in the Italian Open last week – the final European Tour event before the Ryder Cup.

The former world number one has slipped to 32nd in the rankings and is without a victory in ten months.

"It was good to see Martin play a little better. That will do him a lot of good," said Bland. "He's a class player, but he was probably the one that had a bit of a question mark by his name for most of the summer."

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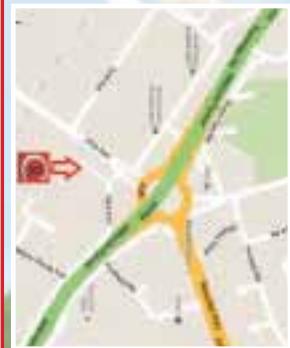
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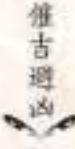
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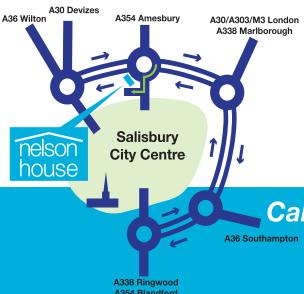
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